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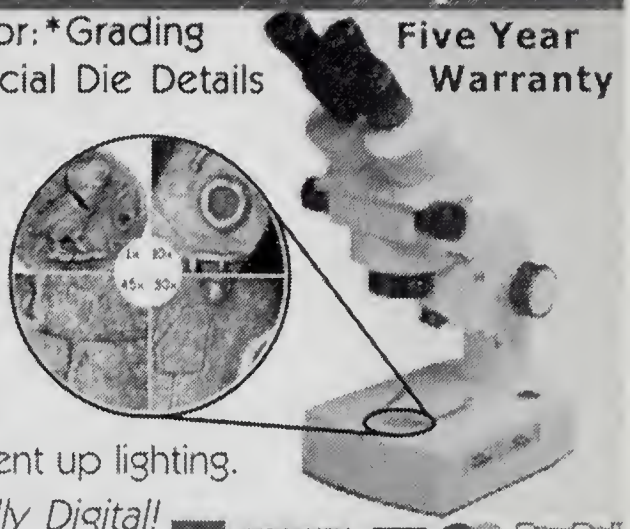

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Left to right: Don Foster, Pauline Pelletier, and Terry Foster examine some of the many interesting and educational exhibits at CSNAs 113th Convention in Arcadia. Story on page 36.

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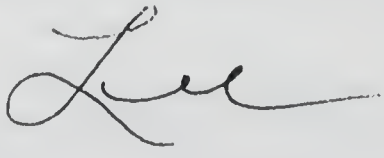
President's Message

Another successful Golden State Coin Show brought together two of California's premier coin associations, the California State Numismatic Association (502 members), and the Numismatic Association of Southern California (480 members). I mention each of these groups because a major milestone was realized for both. The Officers & Boards of each voted to combine their quarterly publications into one. Statistical analysis indicated that each association can save approximately $1500 per year and produce a numismatic publication with more pages and articles, and also let each association's member clubs read about one another's activities. We are planning two President's messages, and two lists of Officers, Boards and Committee chairs. This will be a publication for all Californians. In fact, one favorite proposed title for this combined quarterly is *The California Numismatist.*

In order to facilitate this integration each association will appoint a committee to work with the other, looking into all factors for the implementation and combining of the quarterlies. A few years ago I would have hesitated to even suggest some consolidations or say one word about the possibility of merging and joint efforts. But, lets face the facts, the time is ripe to start some thinking in that direction; it is for our own self preservation. We all have solved tough problems before, and this one will be solved too. It will take some positive thinking; the need is here. Lets put it together and start implementing our mutual solutions. I challenge both associations various members to think toward unity. Lets do what is necessary to resolve issues under the threat of oblivion. The past is gone. We can do something about the future. I will be most interested in receiving your comments regarding the consolidation of the two. My address is on another page of this issue.

I want to say "many thanks" to the GSCS Friday Volunteers for your time and efforts: Phil Iversen, Roy Iwata, Al Hoogeveen, and Jeff Heath. Gary Beedon, thank you for a sell out bourse. Mary Beedon, Ginny Bourke, & Mo Fitzgerald did a great job at the registration table. Nona Moore, you outdid yourself with the exhibit awards. Don and Terry Foster, you put on another successful awards presentation. Tom Fitzgerald, thanks for the great job with the educational forum and very informative speakers. Thanks to Nancy and David Nichols for the ever popular youth table. Thanks also to my wife, Joyce, for another outstanding Saturday night banquet; the live entertainment was lively and the food was excellent. Jim Hunt your amusing antidotes were well received. And lastly, to Kay Lenker, who has announced her retirement as General Chairwomen, thank you for years of dedicated hard work and devotion to this Chair. You performed your duties for the GSCS well and we applaud you.



G. Lee Kuntz
President

Editor's Page

Here I am displaying my usual staid sobriety, for which I'm well known, during the GSCS Banquet. I'm the one on the left. Actually, quite a few folks attending the banquet were tapped on the shoulder by this young lady for a turn around the dance floor. Make your plans now for next year's banquet! Who knows what will be cooked up?

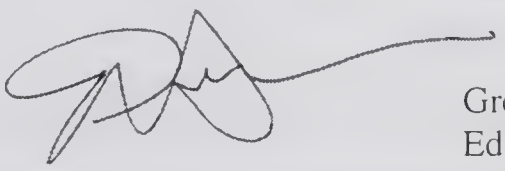
Sometimes as editor I get a little worried as my editor's deadline approaches and the amount of material I've received for publication seems skimpy and thin. But wow, this month my cup runneth over! Actually, yours does because you'll get the pleasure of reading all the things your fellow members have sent in for you.

Joel Anderson has an excellent educational article on Iraqi coins, a terrific overview of the history of this entire area. Mike Stanley makes us all drool with envious disbelief with his story of international good luck. Al Hall, the late Virginia Hall's husband, sent in a couple of articles that Virginia had held in reserve, one of which is in this issue. YN Jeff Swindling has a marvelous article I pulled from *Your Newsletter* put out by the American Numismatic Association. I wouldn't normally do a reprint, especially when I already have so much choice original material from our own membership, but Jeff had such an interestingly refreshing and passionate message I simply couldn't let the opportunity slip away. I strongly recommend you read it. And rounding it all out were our regular contributors, Kay Lenker, Stan Turrini, and the ever voluminous Tom Fitzgerald, as well as the normal reports of association business and other happenings throughout the state.

Yep, I'm feeling like a lucky guy right about now, the issue has filled up quite nicely and I'm looking forward to a little break so that I can do some further work on my other passion: the Lusitania medal. I'll tell you more about that some other time.

Hey, do your part to help me keep my job here and send something in for me to publish, okay? Not only will you make my life easier, but you'll pass along some of your knowledge for the benefit of your fellow collectors (always a good thing to share, right?). Plus you'll be eligible for some of the literary awards we'll generously dispense at the upcoming San Jose convention. Go see the *Writing for Calcoin News* page to get the basics.

Till next time...



Greg Burns
Editor

Virginia May Hall Remembered

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Virginia May Hall was born in Wauseon, Ohio on April 2, 1921 and died in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 14, 2003. Al, her husband of 54 years, survives her. Thus was announced the passing of one of the truly great and much loved California and Nevada numismatists. But there is so much more to remember of her life than the above statistics.

Virginia was proud of her Cherokee Indian Heritage. She spent her early years playing her guitar, writing poems and cheering for the Detroit Tigers. After graduating from Chesterfield High School and Davis Business College, Virginia moved from the city of Morenci, Michigan to Toledo, Ohio in 1947 where she worked at the sales office of Boice-Crane Company. There she met Albert Hall who worked for the same company. They were married on April 16, 1949 and began a 54-year love affair

After husband Al returned from the Korean War, his company transferred them to Indiana. It was in Michigan

City, Indiana in 1959 that she was introduced to the world of numismatics where she became secretary and editor for the local coin club.

In 1965, Al and Virginia Hall moved to California settling in Colton. The Halls were very busy with husband Al attending San Bernardino Valley College while Virginia worked full time and managed a household. It wasn't until 1967 that Al and Virginia joined the California numismatic clubs.

She contributed to the hobby in so many ways. Although husband Al was the office-holder, serving in various capacities and eventually as President of the CSNA, the NASC and the CES, it was Virginia who was at his side as partner and helper. Al provided the leadership and Virginia took over editing and writing. She was so good that she was recognized for her work with many honors. She was editor of the *Coin Press*, the bulletin of her home club, the San Bernardino County Coin Club, for almost 20 years. This publication won so many awards that Virginia removed it from competition.

In 1975, President Bill Wisslead invited Virginia to become the editor of *Calcoin News*, the official journal of the California State Numismatic Association. She graciously accepted and the Summer-1975 edition of *Calcoin News* was her first as editor. And what a tour it was for Virginia as editor for the next 19 years! During this time, *Calcoin News* won seven ANA Awards as the best State Numismatic Publication. This fete has never been duplicated by any other state publication. Sadly, in 1993, due to a serious illness, Virginia was forced to resign and the Summer-1993 issue was to be her last *Calcoin News* as editor.

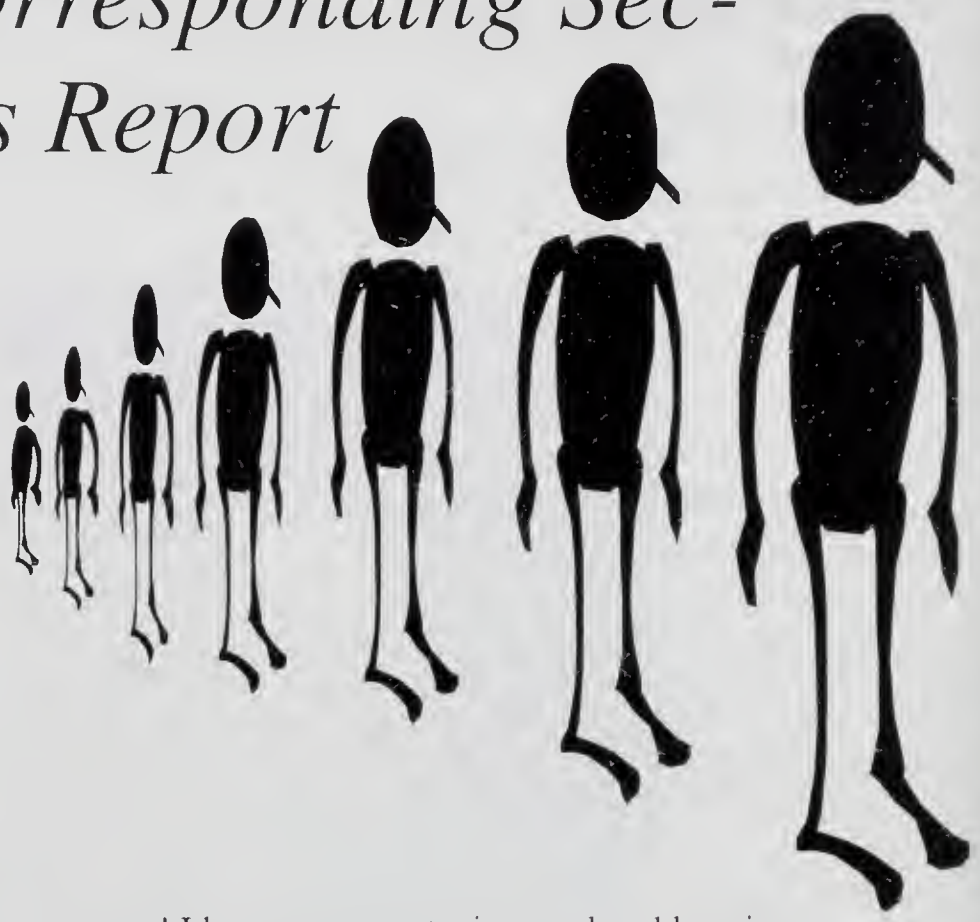
Virginia continued to offer her writing skills, penning many articles for the NASC *Quarterly*, the CSNA *Calcoin News* and the CES *Bulletin*. She, with husband Al, served on the CSNA Symposium Committee for many years. They were responsible for publishing the program. Although most people may not be aware, Al and Virginia Hall were editors with Barbara Burke, for Bryan Burke's book: *Nazi Counterfeiting of British Currency during World War II*. As Bryan was quite ill at the time, this book may not have been published without the help of Virginia and Al.

Virginia Hall loved cats, loved writing and collected eagles, music-horse carousels, Abe Lincoln memorabilia, and bells. She was recognized for her writing and exhibiting talents with many literary and exhibit awards. For her dedication and achievements, she was awarded the Medal of Merit from the California State Numismatic Association, and the Goodson Award by the Numismatic Association of Southern California. She was honored by the CSNA who named her "Editor Emeritus" and was named "Numismatic Ambassador" by Krause Publications.

For those of us that were blessed by her presence we say, "Thank you, Virginia." In her first column as editor for *Calcoin News* she wrote, "The roadways of the past are well laid out, and I pledge to follow them for the high standard and quality already set forth." She succeeded far beyond what anyone could have hoped for as she set the standard at an all-time high. Her legacy lives on in those who follow, who read her articles and, most of all, in the hearts of those who knew her.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report

by
Dennis Halladay



Hello everyone! I hope you are staying cool and keeping busy with coins this summer.

Things have been mostly quiet in the Corresponding Secretary's office in recent months. The CSNA mailing list is in perhaps the most accurate and up-to-date status it has been in years, thanks to an updated return address on envelopes used to mail CALCOIN NEWS, and the assistance of the U.S. Postal Service.

As I told you was about to occur in the last issue, our association has reached a new membership milestone -- CSNA Regular membership card number 6,000 has been issued. His name is Fernan DeSalla, a fellow coin collector who lives in Universal City, California. As reflects the modern age in which our hobby now exists, Fernan's application was submitted through the CSNA internet website.

Speaking of membership milestones, CSNA is on the threshhold of a less exciting one. As you can see from the attached summary, total CSNA membership is on the verge of slipping below 500 for the first time. This is almost entirely due to the dropping of 27 members for non-payment of their 2003 dues, which occurred in June. (This is actually a huge improvement over last year, when 105 members were dropped for non-payment of dues.)

Please look over the list of those who were dropped, and encourage any of them you know to rcconsider renewing their membership.

New Members

R-6000 Fernan DeSalla
Universal City, CA
R-6001 W.M. Wharton Jr.
Warner Springs, CA
R-6002 Gerald S. Reed
So. San Francisco, CA

New Addresses

R-5150 Victor Williams
now in Moreno Valley, CA
R-5954 Stephen Rowles
now in Los Angeles, CA
R-2125 Douglas K. Pryor
now in Galt, CA
L-14-01 Harvey Rose
now in Henderson, NV
L-15-04 Patsy Rose
now in Henderson, NV

Lost Contact (need new address)

L-30-01 Milford Donaldson
previously in Duarte, CA
R-3000 Kristal McClung
previously in N. Hollywood, CA
L-01-41 Alexander Ritchie
previously in Berkeley, CA

Dropped For Non-Payment of Dues

R-5758 Al Pinkall
R-5363 John O. Knachel
R-5693 J.T. Stanton
R-5967 Thomas Rumer
R-5676 Gary Lewis
R-5886 Michael Byrd
R-5313 Paul Arthur Norris
R-2382 John H. Martin
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R-5504 D.B. Blaney
R-5774 P.B. Roberts
R-5953 Lewis A. Everett Jr.
R-5937 John Duhamel

Summary

Membership on June 4, 2003 530
New members 3
Deceased 1
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Dropped for non-payment of dues 27
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Dear Members—Please Note!

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Through the Numismatic Glass: Investigating a Three-Cents Coin Mystery

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Almost three years ago, Theresa Lund, then editor of *Calcoin News*, reported a numismatic item that appeared in her local newspaper. She was intrigued with the information and challenged someone to do some research and report his or her findings. Theresa, this is for you.

Published in a section of the April 5, 2001 issue of the Modesto Bee, was the following:

> YESTERYEARS
> 100 years ago – Modestans awaited the United States coinage of a three-cent piece for use particularly in the west and southwest. The coins would be made of nickel, about the size of a five-cent piece, but in the center would be a hole about a quarter of an inch in diameter. This would enable one to distinguish it by the feel, even in the dark.

This writer knows a little bit about United States coinage and had never heard about the prospect of minting such a coin after 1889. If one were to begin with the facts, as reported in the Modesto Bee, then it must be assumed the nickel three-cent coin was under consideration in 1901 which was 100 years prior to publication date of April, 2001 in the Modesto Bee. In addition, the story reported the coin was about the size of a nickel and had a hole in the center. One questions why two different denominations, the three-cent and five-cent coins would be the same size. After repeated attempts to get more information from the staff of the Modesto Bee failed, it was the conclusion of this writer that someone had not checked his or her sources, had copied some wrong information from an unknown source or had simply failed to be precise with the date and denomination. In any case, after much research, it is the opinion of this writer that there was never a consideration of producing a three-cent

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Comparison of 1885 patterns: an annular silver five-cent piece (Judd-1742) on top, an annular silver one-cent piece (Judd-1740) in the middle, and an aluminum three-cent piece (Judd-1741) below. The one- and three-cent pieces were almost exactly the same size (18.0 mm for the cent and 17.9 mm for the three-cent). One can easily see the usefulness of putting a hole in the center to help the bearer distinguish between the two.

annular coin with a hole in it.

However, in 1884 a five-cent pattern was struck in nickel, aluminum and white metal (Judd 1724,25 & 26) and in 1885, a one-cent pattern was struck in silver (Judd 1740), all with a hole in the center of these pieces.

A three-cent aluminum pattern (Judd 1741) was struck in 1885 but regular three-cent nickel dies were used. Like the 1974 aluminum cents, the regular circulating dies were utilized; only the metallic content was changed.

Three-Cent Silver and Three-Cent Nickel Coins

In the 1850s, there were problems with the silver coins struck by the United States Mint. The price of silver had risen creating a situation whereby the .900 silver coins were costing more to produce than their face value. A shortage of circulating silver coins faced the government. The more coins that might be produced, the more coins that were likely to be melted or hoarded.

A 75% silver three-cent coin was minted and did circulate when Congress was finally forced to act in 1851. The silver content of this coin was increased to 90% silver in 1854 and the silver coin continued to be struck though 1873. It was the smallest silver coin ever minted by the United States Mint.

The situation changed as the Civil War approached. Citizens, fearing the outcome, hoarded the gold and silver coinage. By 1862, Postage and Fractional Currency "paper coins" were placed into circulation to meet the need for coinage.

By 1864, one Joseph Wharton appeared on the scene. He had an agenda that proved to be significant for the nation's coinage. His mission was to make sure the United States used as much nickel as humanly possible. Could this be because he controlled the only nickel mine in the country at Lancaster Gap, Pennsylvania?

The new three-cent copper-nickel coin, designed by James B. Longacre, was first produced in 1865. The mintage was a staggering 11,382,000 coins as it circulated along with the silver three-cent piece and the three-cent fractional currency. It is questionable whether this denomination was really necessary. It is true that the silver three-cent denomination circulated quite well in the 1850s and the same denomination appeared in the 3rd series of fractional currency. In 1873, the silver three-cent coin was produced for the last time and the final 5th issue of fractional currency ended in 1876. By the mid 1880s, the mintage figures for the three-cent nickel had dropped dramatically and by 1885 only 1,000 coins were struck for circulation. In fact, only proof coins were produced in 1886 and the last year of this denomination was 1889.

Certainly the reason for this low mintage was the lack of demand and the failure of this denomination to circulate. It this was true, then why would such a coin be considered in 1901?

Three-Cent Patterns With a Hole in the Center

The idea of the nation's coinage based on an annular ring-shaped design was not new in 1884. In fact, consideration of this style for our coins appeared as early as 1849. At that time, both annular cents and five-cents patterns were produced.

Eastman Johnson had proposed the creation of these pieces. The holes in the coins were intended to make them more easily distinguishable from the higher denominations. This argument is

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not new. One remembers the criticism of both the Susan B. Anthony and the Sacagawea dollar coins. It was argued they would be mistaken for quarters.

A very rare, perhaps unique copper 1884 three-cent pattern is listed as #1933 in the book: "United States Patterns and Related Issues" by Andrew W. Pollack III, published in 1994 by Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc. However, It is not listed in Judd's book: "United State Pattern, Experimental and Trial Pieces" by J. Hewitt Judd, M.D. Regular dies prepared for the circulating coinage of the three-cent nickel coins were employed.

As noted previously, the 1885 three-cent pattern was struck in aluminum, contained no hole and utilized the regular dies prepared for the circulating three-cent coinage. This piece is listed as Judd No. 1741 and Pollack 1953.

There were no patterns or trial pieces known for any three-cent denominations after the pattern reported dated 1885. Perhaps the piece referred to in the short report published by the Modesto Bee is actually a five cents coin with a hole in the center.

Spencer Clark presumptuously placed his own image on this five-cent fractional currency leading the United States Congress to later pass legislation banning the portraits of living persons on all bank notes.

ANA Report

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Fifth 1913 Nickel was the "Talk" of the Show

The headline in "Coin World" was just one word: "FOUND!" ANA Executive Director Christopher Ciopoletti announced at the show's opening ceremony on Wednesday, July 30th, that all five known 1913 Liberty-Head Nickels would be on display. This was startling news! Just last May, Bowers and Merena Galleries had offered $1,000,000 if someone produced the missing 1913-nickel. The nickel had been missing since owner George Walton was killed in an automobile accident in 1962, forty-one years ago. Strangely, Stacks, the New York rare coin firm, examined the coin in his estate and declared the nickel had an altered date. His relatives, who inherited the coin, marked the envelope that the date had been altered and it sat in a closet for the next forty-one years.

As the four known specimens were to be displayed at this year's ANA Summer Convention in Baltimore, members of the Walton family brought their envelope to the convention on Tuesday, July 29th. It was thoroughly inspected and authenticated and joined the other four specimens on display. The word soon spread. Now there was a long line of collectors leading into the exhibit hall to view these coins valued at over $8 million.

The coin market in Baltimore was very positive and as the media picked up the news of the missing fifth nickel, the crowds increased. More than 13,000 people came to the Baltimore Convention Center and the coin business was brisk.

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Al and Dorothy Baber Family Honored

The Al Baber Family, all of whom have served the hobby and the ANA for so many years, received the prestigious "Life Time Achievement Award." The ANA also recognized CSNA Past President Dorothy Baber as the "top Recruiter" of the year. Other CSNA members were very active in Baltimore. Joyce and CSNA President Lee Kuntz performed their usual great jobs as Hospitality Chairman and Assistant to the Controller. Gordon Donnell volunteered to host a table announcing the plans for a Gold Rush Money Museum at the Granite Lady, the 2nd San Francisco Mint. See the article in this publication regarding the project and the help we need from you.

Michael Turrini was presented the "Terry Armstrong Memorial Award" as the outstanding regional coordinator. Mike Stanley did his usual efficient job at the Message Center. Gary Beedon, Jim Hunt, Kay Lenker and Tom Fitzgerald served as exhibit judges. Kay Lenker received the Smedley Award as she completed her term of office as ANA Governor. Larry Baber was very busy at the ANA Booth and his wife Cecilia was welcoming guests at the Registration Table. Murray Singer, who was unable to attend, received his 50-year membership gold pin this year.

At the Gala Banquet on Saturday evening, the newly elected officers were introduced. Ed. Rochette installed Gary E. Lewis, President, William H. Horton Jr., Vice President and Governors M. Remy Bourne, Arthur M. Fitts III, Allan Herbert, Donald H. Kagin, Will Rossman, Barry Stuppler and John W. Wilson.

Sheets of the new twenty-dollar bill that will probably be placed into circulation in October of this year were on display at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Exhibition.

Editor Greg Burns Wins Honor

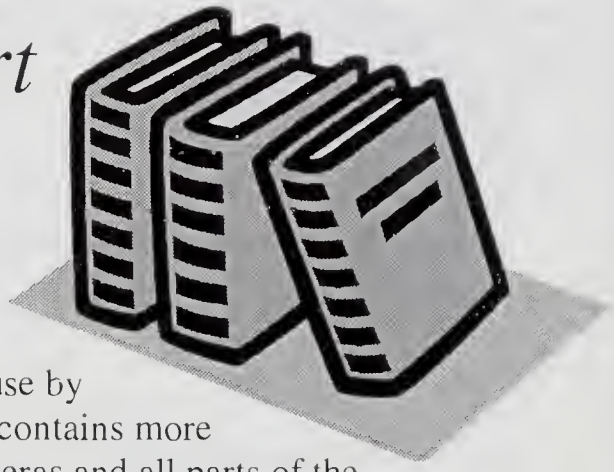
CSNA Editor, Greg Burns was the recipient of a very special award. His NASC Quarterly was awarded SECOND PLACE in the 2003 "Outstanding Regional Publication" Category by the ANA. Congratulations to a very hard-working and talented editor by everyone of the CSNA.

Future ANA Shows

The next ANA Show will be the early spring meeting in Portland, Oregon in April 2004. The next anniversary convention is scheduled for Pittsburgh in August 2004 and the 2005 anniversary convention is planned for San Jose, California.

Librarian's Report

by Ruth Phillips



The CSNA Library is now ready for use by the CSNA membership. The Library now contains more than 1,200 volumes on numismatics of all eras and all parts of the world, including many hundreds of out-of-print books. This represents about 95% of the books we have. More books will be added in the next few months. The Library is one of the most important parts of CSNA's educational benefits and assets for CSNA members.

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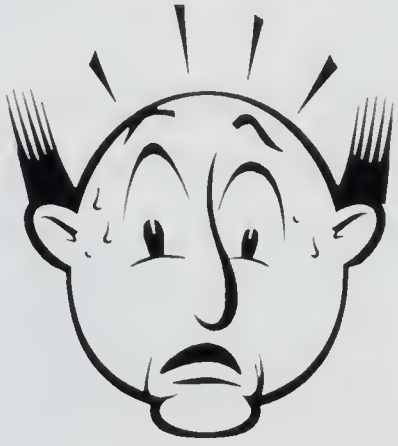

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What You See is What You Get

By Mike Stanley

When I found out that the American Numismatic Association was having a coin show in Charlotte , North Carolina, I immediately contacted my former communication officer Skip Nash, who I served with on the USS Enterprise in 1975. Skip had told me of a collection of dimes that his Father-in-Law left to his wife several years ago and that she was thinking of selling it. He knew that I was a collector and he asked if I would be interested in the collection. The dimes dated from 1820—1945 with a lot of them in high grade. I asked Skip to email me a list of what this collection consisted of, so that I would have a better idea of how much money to bring with me.

Once I arrived at Charlotte I rented a car and drove 85 miles north to High Point. I went right to work on the dimes checking the grades and values. To make a long story short, I bought the entire collection and discovered that it contained a complete set of Barber dimes, forty-five percent of a complete collection of seated liberty dimes, and a couple dozen half dimes. His wife was the owner of the dimes; I made her an offer she could not refuse and we enjoyed another couple of days talking old sea stories and having some great southern cooking.

Upon return to California, I ordered the Dansco album and started housing the dimes, sold off the dupes, made all the money I spent for the coins selling the duplicates, and as a result all the coins I put in my album were free. I immediately made a want list of the Seated Liberty Dimes and started looking on eBay to fill in some of the holes. I found 37 more dimes on eBay, but the one that stands out amongst all others is this. The listing was for an 1868-P dime in high grade. The seller showed a scan of the coin. I thought it looked pretty good, strong date, lus-

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ter, nice head, and all devices were strong at least EF/AU or better. The bid was low. I noticed in the description the seller noted: "If you have questions ask before you bid; If you want a larger scan ask before you bid because what you see, is what you get." I took another look at the coin to see if there were any discernible marks or scratches; seeing none, I bid $34.01 for this coin. Two hours later I received a notice that I had won the lot and that I could make payment via Paypal. The coin was located in Oporta, Portugal and he want to send it registered mail. The total for this lot including postage and handling came to $40.06. Not bad for a coin with a mintage of 464,600.

Approximately a week later the owner of the coin emailed me and stated that he had made an innocent mistake in that the coin that I bid on and won was not an 1868 but an 1863. Having my want list right in front of me I noticed that I needed that one also. Upon further research I looked the coin up in my red book to see that the mintage on the 1863 was far less than the 1868, 14,460 to be exact. I was not sure whether this seller was aware of this mintage difference, or for that matter the value. The seller was liquidating estates and it is possible that he was not a numismatist. I responded to the seller with the same brusque and curt line he used in his description, "What you see is what you get; please send me the coin."

Two weeks later, the postman knocked at my door. I quickly saw the foreign stamps from Portugal and immediately opened that package in front of the postman. I could not believe my eyes. There in all its beauty was an AU 1863 Liberty Seated Dime. Value $1100.00 for $40.06 what a deal. I am still having trouble believing that this deal happened. It has found its final resting place in my album.

Seated Dime Facts...

Designer:	Christian Gobrecht
Weight:	2.49 to 2.67 grams depending on year
Diameter:	17.9 mm
Composition:	.900 silver, .100 copper
Mints:	Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco, Carson City
Varieties:	Five—No Stars (1837-1838), Stars (1838-1853), Arrows (1853-1855), Legend (1860-1873, and 1875-1891), Arrows (1873-1874)

What is a Slug?

by Virginia Hall

What is a slug? Well, it can be any number of things. Like a slow clumsy person; a type of snail or caterpillar. It can be a small piece of metal, great for ripping off automatic coin machines; or a swallow of the "hair of the dog...." or a well placed right to the head.

On the other hand, a slug can be a heavy round or octagonal piece of metal, gold in color and content, fashioned and minted by a treasury-appointed assayist, and more accurately and lovingly referred to as a Fifty Dollar Gold piece.

Although Augustus Humbert was an official United States Assayer of Gold, he was not given the legal go-ahead to mint coins. It is even likely that the dies for the first fifty dollar gold piece...probably engraved in New York by C. C. Wright...were not intended, by Humbert, to be used in the making of coins, but rather to be his stamp on ingots of gold issued by Moffat & Co. The eight-sided pieces of 1851 and 1852 were never coined for general circulation, so his fifty dollar gold pieces, are, in a sense a simple private coinage.

During the wild and bawdy gold-rush days of 1849 and 1850, the scarcity of coins for general use brought out the private minters. California gold was bulky and one had a difficult time spending it. Bulk gold was frowned on in many government branches and export sales were made in silver, mainly because the Far East demanded it. Thus out of necessity came the demand for private minters. A standard price of $16.00 per ounce was set by the public and despite government rules forbidding it, they went ahead and obtained gold coins minted privately.

At first they anticipated they would need large size gold pieces, and had visions of mint denominations of $100 and $1000. But the bulk and weight of gold dictated otherwise, and only the fifty dollar gold pieces came into use.

The opening of the San Francisco Mint in 1854 eased the coin shortage, and though its influence was felt in a partial way, many of the private gold

pieces continued to circulate.

In 1855 Wass, Molitor & Co., and Kellogg & Co. issued two very interesting fifty dollar pieces. Both were round and the Kellogg piece today is practically a museum piece worth thousands of dollars.

It is doubtful if a complete set of fifty dollar pieces exists, for some of them are extreme rarities, and as such, almost priceless. So, as an investment they could never be termed "sluggish".

Which brings us back to "slugs"....a degrading description to say the least, when applied to these rare and beautiful gold pieces. Legend has it that a fifty dollar gold piece, carefully wrapped in a sock or handkerchief, made a pretty convincing weapon when wielded by hoodlums who waylaid unsuspecting miners by "slugging" them and relieving them of their earnings.

That's how the nickname "slug" became attached to the fifty Dollar Gold piece.

Compare the similar design of the U.S. Liberty Coronet gold dollar above with the Wass, Molitor $50 Slug below. To enhance the comparison the images are not to true scale.

2500 Years of Iraqi Coins

A numismatic glimpse of this once powerful and often violent area of the world

by Joel Anderson

Iraq lies at the center of the Fertile Crescent, a desert region watered by the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. With the advent of irrigation, starting around the 10th Millennium, the area began to develop into a rich and powerful civilization. The religion, politics, legal theories, literature, and technology of the area had a significant influence on neighboring regions, including both the Holy Land and ancient Greece. Even today, we still are influenced by the ancient Babylonian systems of mathematics. We still use the ancient Babylonian sexagesimal system to calculate time and angles. The use of 60 minutes to divide an hour, and two twelve hour periods to divide a day, can be traced to ancient Babylon.

Silver Siglos of the Ancient Persian Emprire 510 - 330BC

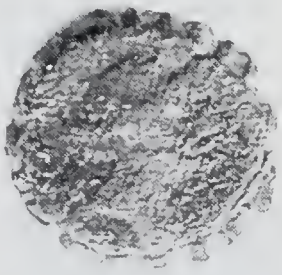
The ancient Persian Empire stretched through the Fertile Crescent, covering much of modern day Iran, Iraq and Turkey. During the reign of Darius I (510-486BC) the Persians began to strike their first coins. The most famous and widely used coin of ancient Persia was the silver Siglos The obverse of the coin pictures the king kneeling with a bow and carrying a spear or a dagger. The reverse of the coin simply consists of a crude incuse punch. The Siglos continued to be minted until the area was conquered by Alexander the Great in 330BC.

Alexander the Great 336 - 323 BC

As a youth, Alexander was taught by Aristotle. Upon the assassination of his father in 336BC, Alexander became the King of Macedonia at age 20. His army quickly conquered the Greek states and he then set off across Asia. With brilliant military and political tactics he soon conquered Egypt and the Persian Empire. He continued conquering all in his path. In 326BC he reached India. There his army, weary from the endless fighting, tropical rains and from

being away from home, mutinied, refusing to go any further. Alexander was forced to return to Susa, the capital of the former Persian Empire. He died three years later, after a prolonged banquet and drinking binge. Until his reign, Greek coins did not show mortals. But Alexander sought to proclaim himself as a God. On his coins Alexander portrayed himself as Hercules, dressed in a lion's skin. The reverse of this bronze coin shows a club and a bow in its case and a quiver

The Seleukids circa 323 - 141BC

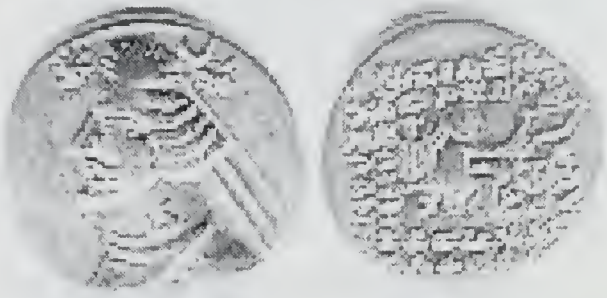


After the death of Alexander in 323BC the area of what is now Iraq suffered from the passage and plunder of various armies vying for control of the region. Finally, Seleucus, one of Alexander's Generals, established control over Babylon in 301BC, and created an Empire stretching from modern Afghanistan to the Mediterranean Sea. His successors controlled the region for the next 200 years.

Pictured is an AE 20 of the Seleukid King Demetrios I Soter, who ruled from 162 to 150BC. One side pictures the Greek God Artemis, the other side pictures a bow and quiver. The coin is distinctive due to its unusual "reeded" edge, that is rarely found on ancient coins

The Parthian Empire circa 141BC - 224AD

The Parthians were a minor local dynasty that declared themselves independent sometime in the middle of the second century BC. They gradually expanded their territory. By 141BC the Parthians had taken most of the Selukid territories, though it took another 25 years or so before they were able to gain more or less permanent control of the region that includes much of what is now Iraq and Iran. The Parthians were almost regularly engaged in civil wars over succession, and in wars with Rome over control of the Middle East.



This silver Parthian Drachm was issued by Orodes II, who ruled from 57 to 38BC. Orodes came to power after he helped his brother murder his father. He then executed his brother to become sole ruler. In 53BC Orodes handed Rome their first major military defeat since the Punic wars, costing Rome some 30,000 men. Orodes himself was murdered by one of his sons in 38BC. The king, along with the moon and two stars, is pictured on the front of the coin. The reverse features an archer.

A big, thick, debased silver Tetradrachm struck by Vologases VI, one of the last Parthian Emperors, who reigned from 208 to 228 AD. The coin was struck during the final collapse of the Parthian Empire. Vologases regularly fought with his brothers over control of the Empire, wars that were aided and abetted by Rome, who wanted to see

the collapse of their main rival in the East. Finally, between 224 and 228AD the Sasanians overthrew Vologases and his brothers, thus establishing the Sasanian Empire - and creating a new rival for Rome in the East. This coin was struck in the city of Seleucia, located about 25 miles southeast of Baghdad on the Tigris river in what is now Iraq. One side pictures the Emperor, the other shows the enthroned king receiving a diadem from Tyche.

The Sasanian Empire 224 - 651AD

In 224 AD the Sasanians conquered Parthia and created the Sasanian Empire in what is now Iraq and Iran.

Pictured is a silver Drachm of Hormizd IV is a large, thin coin. Hormizd ruled from 579 to 590 AD. Much of his reign was spent fighting against the Byzantine Empire and the Turks. He angered the Zoroastrian clergy by his tolerance towards the many Christians in his Empire, and angered the army after dismissing his general who was defeated by the Byzantines. An insurrection followed in which Hormizd was deposed and killed. One side of the coin pictures the king. The other side shows two priests in front at a fire alter, an allusion to the official state Zoroastrian religion. This coin is from the WYHC mint, which is short for "Veh-az-Andiyok-Khusraw", a long name for a city that translates as "Better than Antioch founded by Khusraw". It was located about 20 miles (32km) southeast of Baghdad. The area was virtually abandoned after the founding of Baghdad.

The Umayyad Caliphate 661- 750AD

In the seventh century, AD, a new religion, Islam, was founded in Arabia. Arab forces under the banner of Islam soon conquered what is now Iraq from the Sasanians. After that their forces spread out, conquering the rest of the Sasanian Empire as well as Afghanistan and North Africa. At its height the Umayyad (Omayyad) Caliphate spread from Spain and southern France to northern India. Though they initially copied the coins of the lands they conquered, the Umayyads soon established their own style of coins. This included a well made silver Dirham. The design has no pictures, but features professions of the Islamic faith. One side of the coin reads "There is no god except Allah alone. He has no partner." On the other side it reads "Allah is One, Allah is the Eternal. He begets not neither is He begotten".

This silver Dirham was minted in Wasit during the reign of Caliph Hisham. Wasit, a city established by the Umayyads as the capital for the eastern provinces, contained their principal eastern mint. The city was located in what is now Iraq between Basra and al-Kufa on the Tigris River. It was a great commercial center and famous for boat building - until the river shifted, leaving it stranded in the middle of the desert. Caliph Hisham was a competent and frugal administrator who reigned from 724 to 743 AD.

The Abbasids 749 - 945AD

When Iraq Was the World's Superpower:

With the support of many in Iraq, the Abbasids overthrew the Umayyads in 749AD. The Abbasids Caliphs built what is now Iraq into the richest and most powerful nation on earth at the time. These silver Dirhams coins are from three of the most famous Abbasid Caliphs. All three of these silver coins were struck in Baghdad. In keeping with tradition the coins bear professions of the Islamic faith and the name of the Caliph rather than portraits.

Silver Dirham of Al-Mansur 763-775AD

Caliph Al-Mansur spent the early years of his reign ruthlessly slaughtering any remaining Umayyad supporters - and even his own supporters who he thought might be a threat to his throne. He established a new capital for the Caliphate, in what was the village of Baghdad in 762AD.

Silver Dirham of Al-Mahdi 775-785AD

In 775AD al-Mahdi, the son of Al-Mansur became Caliph and the nation entered an unusual period of peace and prosperity. Baghdad grew into the richest and most powerful city in the world, attracting traders, artists and scholars from throughout the world. Ships from China, India and East Africa would line its wharves.

Silver Dirham of Harun Al-Rashid 786-809AD

In 786 al-Mahdi's son, Harun al-Rashid ascended to the throne upon the death of his father. The splendors of his court, along with his ventures into Baghdad while in disguise to root out evil and corruption, are told in the Tales of the Arabian Nights.

The Buwayhids and a Period of Decline 945-1258AD

The Abbasid Caliphate slowly collapsed due to internal strife and crop loss caused by the failure to maintain the irrigation system. Various groups broke away and established independence (though often paying nominal allegiance to the Caliph in Baghdad). Finally in 945AD Buwayhids, an Iranian dynasty, conquered Baghdad. The Abbasid Caliph was stripped of all temporal authority, leaving him with spiritual authority only. Iraq descended into a period of near anarchy. Though the Buwayhids were nominally in charge of much of the country, various Buwayhid princes regularly fought each other as well as others for control of parts of the country. Baghdad was devastated during this period. Sections of the city were virtually abandoned. Walls were erected within as brigands took control of parts of the city. Kidnapping and crime became rampant.

Pictured is a silver Dirham struck by the Buwayhid prince Izz al-Dawla between 968 and 971AD in Basra.

Mongol Control of Iraq
The Ilkhanid Dynasty
1258 - 1335

After over a decade of attempts, the Mongols finally conquered and sacked Baghdad in 1258AD. The last Abbasid Caliph, who had little more than spiritual authority, was killed, along with hundreds of thousands of Baghdad residents. The Mongols destroyed the dikes needed for the irrigation system used by the farmers that fed the huge city. The city did not recover its prosperity until the 20th Century. Baghdad became a provincial capital for the Ilkhanids, the Mongol dynasty that was based in Iran.

Pictured is a silver Double Dirham struck in Baghdad by the Ilkhan ruler Abu Said who reigned from 1315 to 1335AD. During his reign his Ilkhan kingdom underwent a financial and political collapse. Multiple rivals claimed the throne upon his death and the Ilkhans never again regained their power. This double Dirham (note how the value of the Dirham shrunk over the years), struck at the Baghdad mint is especially interesting as it is a bi-lingual coin, with Arabic script on one side and Mongol script on the other.

The Jalayrids 1335 - 1409

The Jalayrids were a Mongol tribe who migrated to Iran and Iraq under the Ilkhans. Its members achieved high administrative positions under the Ilkhans, so that after the collapse of Ilkhan rule following the death of Abu Said in 1335AD, the Jalayrids arose as an independent dynasty. They had their capital in Baghdad and controlled most of Iraq and western Iran.

This silver 2 Dinars was struck at the Baghdad mint during the reign of Sultan Ahmad who ruled from 1382 to 1409AD. During his reign Tamerlane besieged and sacked Baghdad three times, which lead to the further decline of the once great city. With the help of Kara Yusuf, chief of the Kara Koyunlu (Black Sheep Turkmen) he was able to regain control of Baghdad after the death of Tamerlane. The two had a falling out however. Kara Yusuf killed Sultan Ahmad in 1409AD, taking Baghdad for himself. The coin is quite crudely struck, as might be expected from a mint in a city repeatedly under siege. After the collapse of the Jalayrids there was only sporadic coinage from the Baghdad mint, most of which is quite scarce.

The Black Sheep Turkmen
1409 - 1469

The Kara Koyunlu (Qara Qoyunlu), known in English as the Black Sheep Turkmen or Turkoman, were a tribal confederation from what is now Turkey. Under the leadership of their chief, Kara Yusuf, they assisted the Jalayrid Sultan Ahmad to drive Taberlane and his followers out of Iraq. In 1409 Kara Yusuf killed Sultan Ahmad in a dispute and he took control of Iraq for himself. It was the first true Turkish Occupation of Iraq. This small and extremely crude

silver 1/3 Tanka was minted in Baghdad, Mosul and al-Hille by Kara Yusuf for use in Iraq.

The Ottoman Empire 1534 - 1914

The Ottoman Turks conquered Iraq in 1534. They continued to control the area for most of the next 500 years, until driven out by the British during World War I. Iraq was called Mesopotamia at the time. During much of this period Iraq used the standard coins of the Ottoman Empire, however there are a few issues of the Baghdad mint made for use exclusively in Iraq. One of these is this rare silver Dirham of Ottoman Sultan Mehmed IV from the Baghdad mint. The coin was struck to a standard used only in Mesopotamia. In 1648 Mehmed IV succeeded his mentally ill father to the throne at age six. For most of his life he was controlled by various factions of the court. He participated in unsuccessful military campaigns against Austria and Poland, though he was far more interested in hunting than war and the affairs of state. He was finally deposed in 1687AD.

To the left is an Ottoman silver Kurush of Abdul Hamid II, who reigned from 1874 to 1909. The coin was used through out the vast, though crumbling, Ottoman Empire, including Iraq.

The Hashimite Kings of Iraq 1921 - 1958

In an effort to liberate Iraq from its oppressive Ottoman rulers, British forces entered Basra in 1914 at the beginning of World War I. The plan was to march up the Tigras and Euphrates river valleys and quickly take Baghdad using their superior arms and the support of the oppressed Iraqi people. After a rapid initial advance, the British suffered a disastrous defeat at al-Kut, with over 10,000 soldiers killed or taken prisoner. The British finally took Baghdad in 1917. Despite their promise that they had come as liberators, they faced ongoing revolts and attacks. In 1921 the British crowned Faisal I as King of Iraq. He was a member of the Hashimite family that had previously ruled parts of Arabia. As had the earlier Umayyad and Abbasid rulers, the Hashimites traced their ancestry to The Prophet Mohammed. The British continued to be deeply involved in the development of the Iraqi nation and the establishment of national institutions. Iraq finally gained its full independence in 1932. King Faisal died the following year and his young and inexperienced son, Ghazi I advanced to the throne. Though material progress was being made, political instability continued with numerous attempted coups, assassinations and revolts. In 1939 Ghazi I died in an automobile accident, and his four year old son, Faisal II ascended to the throne.

1 Riyal of Faisal I 1932, 50 Fils of Ghazi 1938 and 4 Fils of Faisal II 1943

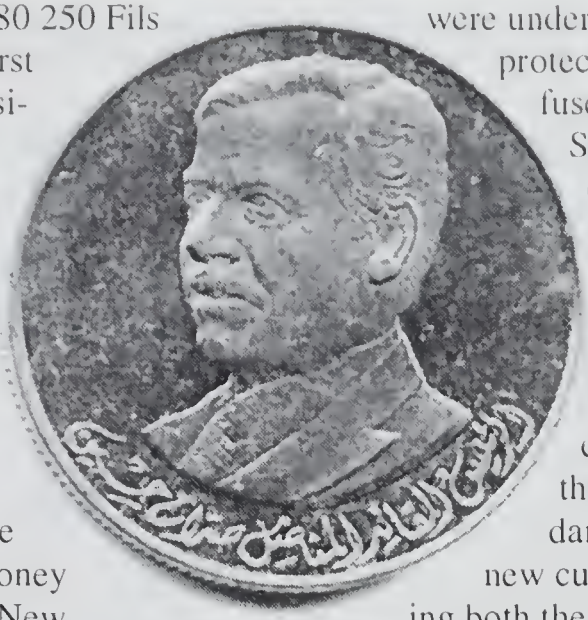
The Republic of Iraq 1958 - 1979

Despite economic progress, Iraq continued to suffer from political instability. Finally in 1958, the monarchy was overthrown in a bloody revolution. King Faisal II along with other members of the royal family were executed and the Republic of Iraq was established. Though the country was nominally a republic, it was controlled by various military and political factions through a series of coups and assassinations, rather than free elections.

Stainless steel 5 & 10 Fils, 1975, issued to commemorate the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Iraq Under Saddam Hussein 1979 - 2003

Saddam Hussein became President of the Republic of Iraq in July 1979. Numerous potential rivals were executed. In 1980 Iraq invaded Iran. The war quickly grew to a bloody stalemate. The United States and France supported Iraq during much of the conflict. The conflict was finally ended with a peace agreement in 1990. Though both sides suffered a huge loss of lives, the net result of the peace agreement was that the border was virtually the same as it was before the war began. Saddam then decided to take on a smaller and less heavily armed opponent. In August 1990 Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait and declared it part of Iraq. In early 1991 the United States and other Allied forces liberated Kuwait and marched into southern Iraq in what was known as the Gulf War. The operation destroyed most of Iraq's armed forces, severely damaged the infrastructure of major Iraqi cities, put the country under restrictive United Nations sanctions, but left Saddam Hussein in power. Saddam himself appeared on a few circulating commemorative coins of the early 1980's.



Pictured is the 1980 250 Fils commemorating the first anniversary of his Presidency. After the 1991 Gulf War coins gradually ceased to circulate due to diminished buying power. United Nations sanctions prevented new coins from being minted. Iraq's economy became dependent on paper money for most transactions. New notes were introduced after the1991 Gulf War picturing Saddam Hussein. Kurdish areas of Northern Iraq that were under United Nations protection however refused to accept the new Saddam note. They continued to use the older pre-gulf war type notes called "Swiss Dinars", named after where they were supposedly printed. After the overthrow of Saddam by U.S. forces, a new currency issue, replacing both the Sadam Dinars and Swiss Dinars is planned to be released. New coins will probably follow at a later date.

Joel Anderson started collecting coins while in third grade. In 1970, while still in High School he started to sell world coins by mail on a part-time basis. Joel graduated from the University of Santa Clara then got a Masters of Business Administration from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College. After working in cost accounting and as a controller in Silicon Valley, he found himself on the wrong side of a "corporate reorganization". Deciding it was more fun to sell coins than to do real work he converted his part-time coin business into a full time business in 1989. Today the firm, based in Merced, California consists of Joel, his wife Lila, and their two cats, Pat and Tuck.. Business is done by mail, internet and at selected coin shows throughout California. The firm has been selling coins on the World Wide Web since 1996 (www.joelscoins.com).

Joel has served as President of the Gateway Coin Club of Merced County, is a past President of the CSNA, and has received the CSNA Medal of Merit.

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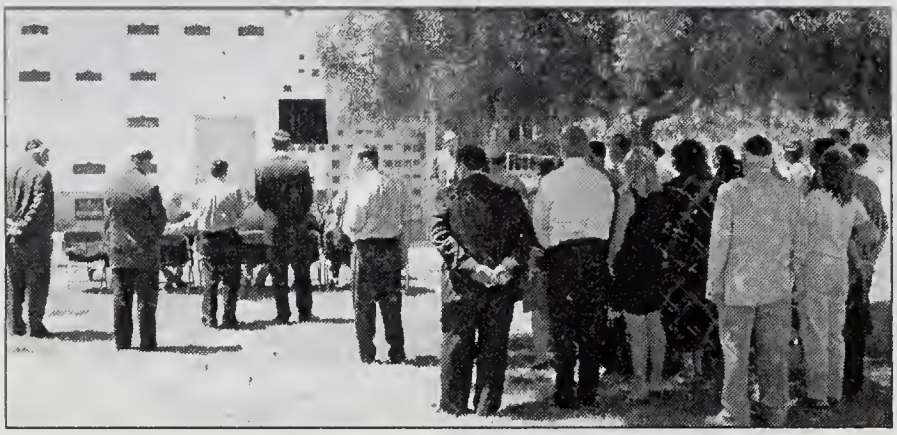


Murray Singer passed away on Friday, August 15, 2003. A service was held at Mount Sinai in Los Angeles on the following Wednesday. Many of Murray's numismatic friends were able to attend.

Murray G. Singer was the oldest of four sons born to Leo Jay and Ruth Singer on October 28, 1913 in the Bronx, New York. The Singer family moved to Chicago where he completed a business course at the Illinois Business College. In the fall of 1930, the family returned to New York and resided in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. There he met and fell in love with a lovely young lady named Sadie. Soon, Murray proposed to "Syd" (he nicknamed her Sadie – Syd) and they were married May 21, 1935. They became life-long lovers and companions, celebrating their 68th anniversary this year.

Because of the depression that was gripping the country, the newlyweds traveled five days and nights aboard a Greyhound Bus to California, the golden land of opportunity. They resided in Los Angeles until Murray Singer died at home on August 15, 2003 surrounded by his entire family.

These are the statistics, dates and places of his birth, his schooling, his marriage and, after a wonderful life of 89 years, his death. But these are only numbers and some important events of his life; they do not describe his wonderful and dedicated life. Murray Singer was so much more than numbers and events.

Murray Singer—Husband, Father and Grandfather

Murray and Syd Singer were the proud parents of two daughters, Hillary and Mildred and grandparents of Brad Greenberg. The most important part of their life was their family. The Singers became deeply involved in their children's lives, taking them to museums, libraries, and other places of interest. Murray emphasized the "joy" of reading and practiced this belief by reading to the girls and taking them to the library. In fact, it was his love of learning and reading that led him to coin collecting. In December 1952, Murray bought a Lincoln Cent Album and a Red Book as a Christmas present for his twelve-year old daughter. As he helped her fill the holes, the coin-collecting bug bit him!

Murray Singer—The Numismatist

Within a few weeks after he purchased the Lincoln Cent Album and Red Book, he visited a coin dealer near his downtown office. The coin dealer advised Murray to get involved, join some numismatic organizations and do a lot of reading, particularly about coins and currency that interested him. It is no surprise, therefore, that he joined the American Numismatic Association in 1953 (he was awarded his 50 year

gold medal at the convention this year in Baltimore) and also joined the Los Angeles Coin Club, where he met and became fast friends with coin auctioneer George Bennett. In 1954, the Numismatic Association of Southern California was formed and he became one of its earliest members.

In 1986, many collectors believed there was a need for an Israel Coin Club dedicated to collecting Jewish coins, medals and currency. A group of interested collectors met and Murray Singer was appointed the Chairman of the Organizing Committee. He sent out the invitations to all interested collectors and, at the first meeting on July 11, 1986, Murray Singer became a Charter Member. Instead of a President, the executive board chose Murray Singer to be the Charter Executive Director.

In 1960, heeding the advice of this doctors, he retired from the stress of the "Ready-to-Wear" business and turned his attention to the business of numismatics. He became associated with a distributor of stamp and coin supplies while, at the same time, he formed a partnership with auctioneer George Bennett and over the next 22 years until the death of George, they produced 140 semi-annual auctions

In 1971, Murray Singer suffered a heart attack and after his recovery, he joined a large precious metal firm as a rare coin specialist in 1973. He retired from this company sixteen years later in 1989 at the age of 75.

Murray Singer Received Many Honors

Mr. Singer served as President of four coin clubs and was awarded Honorary Life Memberships in all four of these clubs. He was the Treasurer and Steering Committee Member of the ANA 1958 Los Angeles Convention hosted by the Los Angeles Coin Club. He was Assistant General Chairman of the 1975 ANA Los Angeles Convention hosted by the NASC and was Finance Chairman of the 1995 ANA Anaheim Convention hosted by the CSNA. Murray was a recipient of the ANA "Club Representative of the Year" in 1993, the ANA Century Club Award in 1991, and the ANA Dealer Booster Award in 1981. In 1990, Krause Publications recognized Murray Singer as a "Numismatic Ambassador." He received an ANA President's Award in 1998 and was the first recipient of the "Murray G. Singer Hobby Mentor of the Year Award" presented by the ANA. In addition, Murray G. Singer was awarded the Richard P. Goodson award by the NASC, the highest honor bestowed by that group. A "Speaker of the Year" award, presented annually by the NASC to a worthy candidate, is named after Mr. Singer.

Mr. Singer was an editor, researcher, cataloger, exhibitor, award-winning author and the mentor of a number of outstanding members of the numismatic hobby.

At the bottom of the "Remembrance" given to those attending his funeral, were the following words:

"Murray was, is and will always be loved by friends and family for his wit, his intelligence, his kindness, and the beauty of his spirit. He was a good man and he will be remembered."

And this writer adds simply "Amen."

—Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Going's On

by Greg Burns

Well, as you'll recall from two issues back, this is the column I want to write whenever there's been a board meeting, so that you're kept up to date on some of the "Going's On" within the association. Since we have two board meetings per year (coincident with the conventions) that means we had one during the CSNA 113th Convention and Golden State Coin Show in Arcadia in late August, so it's time for me to put pen to paper for you.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the board meeting. Believe me, it wasn't for lack of desire or anything, it just turned out that it came during the only time my better half and I could get away for vacation this year. And I know which direction my long-term happiness lies! However, I was able to infiltrate my minions into the meeting to secretly record the mysterious happenings of the many folks we elected to the positions of responsibility on the executive board, and I'll use their scribblings to summarize for you all the important stuff (actually, I'll use the excellent meeting minutes prepared and quickly distributed by the capable Virginia Bourke).

The meeting was held on Sunday morning August 24, and all but two board members were present. That's a good turnout!

A moment of silence was called for Murray Singer and Virginia Hall as well as any of our other valued members who had passed away since the last meeting.

The first order of business was a topic that many of the board members had already heard about: the merging of *Calcoin News* and *The Quarterly*, the publications of CSNA and NASC respectively. Since quite a few of our CSNA executive board members are also members and board members of the NASC, and since that explosive topic had already been extensively discussed and debated in the NASC board meeting which preceded the CSNA board meeting, it was a relatively quiet tallying of votes resulting in ten for and three against the motion—it passed.

Since I'm currently the editor of both publications and they're both printed at and mailed from the same place (Printing Resources in Upland, CA), the logistics are at least partially solved already. However, there will likely be some creaking and groaning as old customs join together and the needs of both memberships find their place in the new journal. Bear with me. It will be worth it.

Some of the things *Calcoin News* readers can look forward to is a color cover for a snazzier look, more pages and articles for interesting things to read from your fellow collectors, and expanded coverage of the overall numismatic scene in California. Plus, while I don't want you to think I've been holding out on you (really I haven't) since I'll then have only one journal to do instead of two I can focus my attention a bit more and do a better job as editor. I'm looking forward to it. By the way, the tentative title is *The California Numismatist*. I like it. I'm guessing that the first issue will be the one that comes out in April of next year. That means that there will be one more issue of *Calcoin*

News in your hands before you see the new combined journal. Exciting stuff, huh? Now on to some of the other things brought up during the board meeting.

Board Member Will Fragner reported that he was inserting a couple thousand CSNA membership applications in along with the regular mailings from his coin business. I'm guessing that will bring a welcome boost to our membership, which as Dennis Halliday has reported has been declining for some time. Thanks, Will, we need all the help we can get!

Treasurer Kay Lenker presented her report on our financial condition. It appears that there hasn't been a tremendous change from our last reported balance, but apparently no one thought to bring a motion to purchase the editor a nice new Jaguar sedan. Oh, well, maybe at the next board meeting.

Lila Anderson presented Joel Anderson's report on the progress of planning the 114th Convention to be held in San Jose January 16-18, 2004. Location is to be at the McHenry Convention Center. It was decided that since the Baber Best of Show Award is restricted to CSNA member, if the winner is not a member then a one year complimentary membership would be conferred. Ah, the wisdom of Solomon lives on.

While speaking of conventions, Kay Lenker reported that the 115th would again be held in Arcadia, CA.

Committee Reports...

Tom Fitzgerald (ANA Representative) reported that Stan Turrini had received the coveted Armstrong Award at the Baltimore ANA for being District Delegate of the Year. Tom also reported on the need for everyone's efforts to write letters in support of the National Money and Gold Rush Museum efforts over at the San Francisco Mint. Senate Bill 168 would approve a coin or series of coins for 2006 that would generate funds for this effort. Read more about it elsewhere in this issue.

YN Coordinator, Stan Turrini received a stipend of $200 to purchase items for the YN table. I'm sure Stan will put it to good use. Take your kids to the next convention and see what he's doing in this area.

Audio-Visual: Kay Lenker reports that this resource isn't getting much action from the membership, so she isn't planning on buying any new videos. You know, I don't know where I'd find a list of items if I were interested in checking them out. Perhaps this is something she could list for me to put here in *Calcoin News*. Don't worry, I'll mention it to her.

Lila Anderson reported that *Calcoin News* advertising was getting new rates, but that present advertisers had been locked in at the previous rates and that the number of advertisers had almost doubled (I like that!). Good job, Lila!

Historian Joyce Kuntz reported that the CSNA Scrapbook had been updated with the last San Jose Convention photos and encouraged everyone to stop and take a peek at it. During our conventions it's kept at the CSNA Medals table. Take a look next time you can.

Librarian Ruth Philips thanked Bill Febuary and Stephen Huston for their work in putting our library catalog on the association's website located at (www.coinmall.com/csna). You can perform searches and also download the catalog in PDF format for later viewing. Highly recommended. See Ruth's report elsewhere in this issue. She's also planning to sell our duplicates and purchase new books for the library, which currently has over 1250 books in it (I've even borrowed some recently—very convenient).

Bill Febuary reported that our website (www.coinmall.com/csna) is working well and he was seeking sources of information for a CSNA History section on the site. Some ideas were passed along to him during the meeting. Look for more going on in that corner soon.

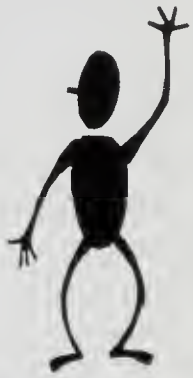
Joyce Kuntz reported that she's almost sold out of the very popular Lewis & Clark medal struck for our 113th Convention, and that the current stock of CSNA silver (161 ounces) would cover us through the next medal issue for the upcoming San Jose convention.

Stephen Huston reported that the speakers for the Northern Educational Symposium were all lined up and he anticipated sending out a special mailing to our northern California members to highlight this event.

For the Southern Educational Symposium (next March 13th) the new chair for this event, Jim Hunt, reported that the event is booked at the Sheraton Four-Points Hotel in Fullerton, and he is busily working to fill the slate with interesting speakers. I won't say who he's talking to just yet, but as it firms up I'll pass along that information.

There was a smattering of other discussions interspersed throughout the meeting, but I've hit most of the high points for you. Remember that these meetings are open to all, and since you're ultimately the recipient of what goes on in them you should consider attending them whenever it's convenient for you. The next will be at the San Jose convention, so maybe I'll see you there. I hope so...

—Editor Greg



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Granite Lady Update

By Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

After years of negotiating and long-awaited decisions by both the Federal Government and the City of San Francisco, an agreement has been reached with the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society to refurbish, open and operate the "Granite Lady" in the City.

The proposed project includes the development of a "State-of-the-Art" Museum of San Francisco History and a companion Museum of the History of Coins and Paper Money including the Gold Rush. The space reserved for this money museum is 12,500 square feet on the first floor of the building.

Urgent!! Your Help is Needed Now!!!

The funds needed for designing and constructing our money museum must be raised by the numismatic community. The first and most urgent need is to gain congressional support for a commemorative coin program.

The museum space will cost approximately $8 million and a commemorative coin program can raise this money. California Senators Feinstein and Boxer have proposed Senate Bill S.168 authorizing 2006 dated coins. The legislation will require 67 of the 100 senators to co-sign this bill. Note – this is the first time in the history of the numerous commemorative coins that all surcharges will go to establish a numismatic museum. We are asking you to take 15 minutes of your time to e-mail, fax, phone or write (the least effective method) any senators, other than the California senators, requesting they co-sponsor bill 168. Please ask your friends and clients to do likewise. It is much more effective to fax your letter rather than to utilize the postal service. Please include your company's letterhead or all of your contact information such as your full address. To find any senator's contact information, log on to: www.senate.gov. Address your correspondence as follows:

The Honorable (full name of the senator)
United States Senate
Washington, DC

If you send an e-mail, follow the same suggestions for a faxed letter. For the subject line, identify your message by topic or bill number (168). Include your address and zip code.

Dr. Donald Kagin Heads the Campaign

Recently elected ANA Governor Dr. Don Kagin has worked for nine years to establish such a museum in the San Francisco Mint Building known as the "Granite Lady." As many of you may remember, there was a Mint Museum including the Superintendent's office, etc. thanks to the numismatic community and particularly, Mint Director Mary Brooks. It is hard to imagine that this restored building will not include an impressive National Gold Rush and Money Museum. But we need more than just your approval and good wishes. We need your active help now. For more information, contact Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, Stan Turrini or Dr. Don Kagin.

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CSNA 113th Convention, Golden State Coin Show and Banquet

From left: Mary Beedon, Virginia Bourke, and Gary Beedon welcome attendees at the opening of the GSCS and CNSA's 113th Convention.

CSNAs 113th Convention was a success, if by success you mean plenty of coins, fascinating exhibits, educational activities for a constantly swirling gaggle of kids, and a delicious Hawaiian-themed banquet attended by warm friendly folks.

The following pages show some of the sociable faces we saw and the fun activities we all enjoyed. If you weren't able to make it to this convention you have my pity. Just remember, it's not to early to start planning for next year's convention in the south, and please keep in mind we have the northern convention coming up in San Jose in January of the new year. Better get your calendar out now and start reserving those days.

Bourse Chairman Gary Beedon reported a sell-out of the tables to dealers. In fact, Gary was som

Above: Lee Kuntz and another gentleman staff the CSNA Medals table, and seem to have cornered a young man who has his hands full of numismatic goodies.

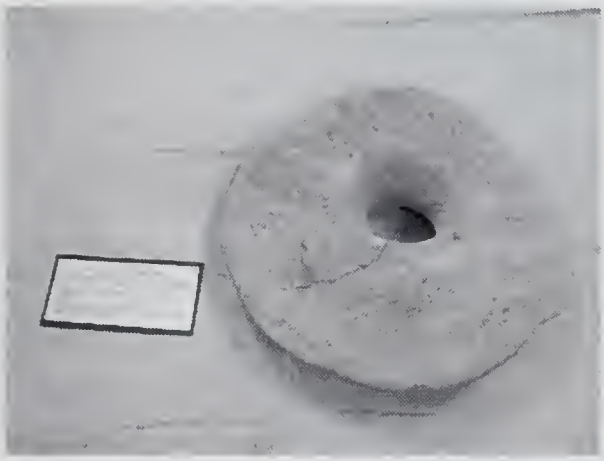
Right: Joyce Kuntz and Mo Fitzgerald give the boys a break and take over the Medals table.

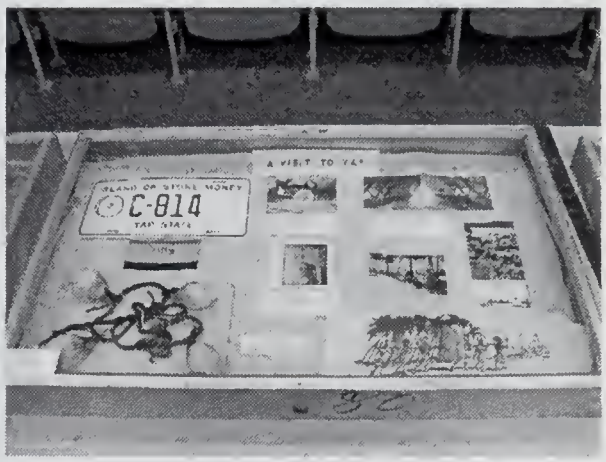
able to squeeze in one more dealer who walked in on Saturday!

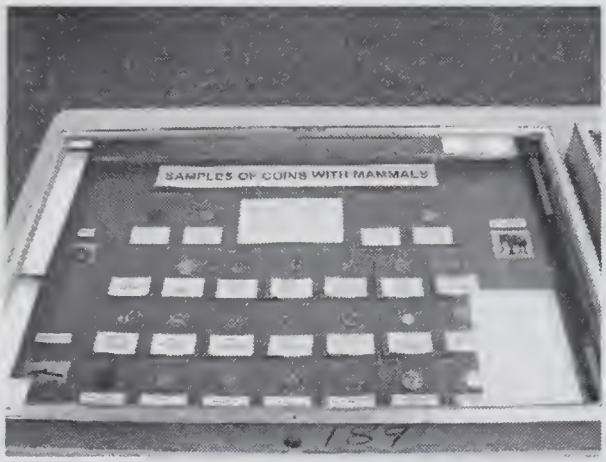
Above: Nancee Nichols works the "Coins for Kids" table (husband David was somewhere else at the moment). This popular repeat of last year's successful event enticed an endless stream of kids to get their introduction to our fascinating and enriching hobby.

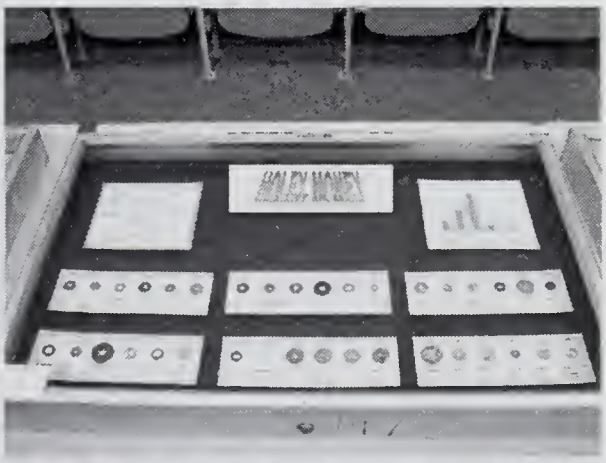
Right: this young man seems to be taking a restful break from his arduous task of searching through a huge pile of Lincoln cents for interesting pieces to add to his collection.

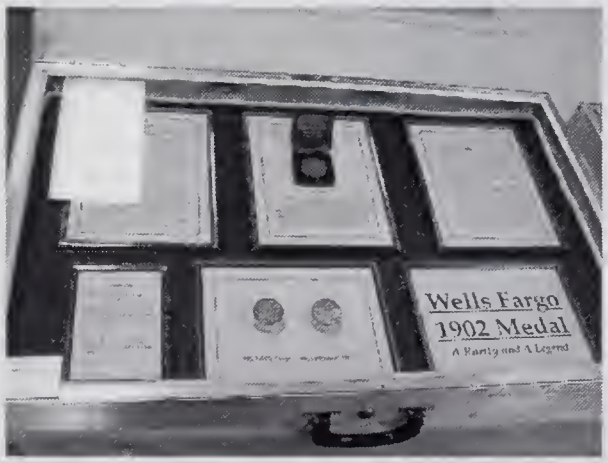
Below: what would a CSNA Convention be without educational exhibits. After all, exhibiting is the pinnacle of collecting: sharing with others the knowledge you've acquired from studying and researching coins and other numismatic articles and the people who designed and used them. See page 44 for a listing of the winners in the various categories. In fact, why not start putting together an exhibit of your own for our next convention? There was an article with helpful hints in the last issue of Calcoin News, and the American Numismatic Association's website (www.money.org) also has information that would be useful. Whether you win an award or not, you certainly come out of the experience richer than when you go in. Give it a try!











Above: Master of Ceremonies Jim Hunt kept the ball moving throughout the evening.

Above Left: Don and Terry Foster coordinated the Awards portion of the evening and show off the table of awards.

Left: looks like a table full of CSNA and NASC luminaries. There were six tables with friendly faces like these.

Bottom Left: Joel Anderson was giving hula lessons and this young lady just happened to show up in the right costume. Joel's frenzied gyrations were the hit of the evening!

Right: Mary and Gary Beedon present Roy Iwata with his first place award in the category of U.S. Commemorative Coins for his exhibit on the 1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar.

Right: Tom and Mo Fitzgerald present Joel Anderson with his second place award in the category of Ancient and Medieval for his exhibit on the A Selection of 2500 Years of Iraqi Coins and Currency.

Right: Kay Lenker presents Jim Wells with his first place award in the category of Modern Foreign (1500 to Date) for his exhibit on English Royal Portraits. Jim also won the Baber Best-of-Show award for this exhibit.

Left: Tom Fitzgerald presents Greg Burns with the ANAs second place award for Best Regional Publication (NASC Quarterly). Keep your fingers crossed for our publication next year!

Left: Phil Iversen presents Leonora Donald with a certificate of appreciation thanking her for her dedicated service and announcing her newly conferred status as Historian Emeritus for the NASC.

Left: Lee Kuntz presents the Golden State Coin Show General Chair Kay Lenker with an off-metal set of the convention's medals in appreciation for all of her hard work in making the GSCS such a success.

Right: Joyce Kuntz presents Kevin Akin with an special set of the CSNA Convention medal he designed portraying Lewis and Clark.

Right: I can name 'em all, but darned if I can remember why we took this picture; standing from left: Iversen, Fitzgerald, Kuntz, Steamer, Harley, Beedon, Grant, Yahalom, and Turrini. Seated from left: Moore, Lenker, Donald, Philips, Yahalom, and Kuntz.

Right: a collection of award winners. Top row from left: Phil Iversen, Tom Fitzgerald, and Jim Wells. Bottom row from left: Roy Iwata, Kay Lenker, Virginia Bourke, and Stan Turrini.

Golden State Coin Show Exhibit Awards

U.S. Coins—Ron Miller Memorial Award ..... 3rd P. **Helena P. Desens**
Sponsor: David Lange — *Lincoln and His Common Cents*

U.S. Commemorative Coins ..... 1st P. **Roy Iwata**
Sponsors: Gary and Mary Beedon — *1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar*

Ancient and Medieval ..... 1st P. **Larry Tapper**
Sponsors: Tom and Mo Fitzgerald — *Denarii of the Antonine Dynasty of Rome*
2nd P. **Joel Anderson**
A Selection of 2500 Years of Iraqi Coins & Currency

Modern Foreign (1500 to date) ..... 1st P. **Jim Wells**
Sponsor: John Lenker Memorial—Kay Lenker — *English Royal Portraits*
2nd P. **Larry Tapper**
Russian Wire Money Kopecks
3rd P. **Michael E. Ontko**
A Selected Type Set of the Coins of Louis XV of France Illustrating an Experiment in Decimal

Currency ..... 1st P. **Bill Nash**
Sponsor: Don Thrall Memorial — *U.S. Fractional Currency*
2nd P. **Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald**
The Note That Never Was

Gold (U.S. and Foreign) ..... 1st P. **Larry Trapper**
Sponsors: Jim and Ellen Hunt — *The Laurels of James*
2nd P. **Michael E. Ontko**
Some Inexpensive Gold Coins of the World

Medals ..... 1st P. **Michael S. Turrini**
Sponsors: Joyce and G. Lee Kuntz — *Wells Fargo 1902 Medal*
2nd P. **Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald**
Memories of 9-11
3rd P. **Phil Iversen**
Running with Olympic Spirit

Young Numismatists ..... No exhibitors
Sponsors: Galaxie Design—Nona and George Moore

Miscellaneous ..... 1st P. **Virginia Bourke**
Sponsor: Harold Katzman — *Silver coins—Christopher Columbus*
2nd P. **Kay Edgerton Lenker**
A Visit to Yap

Non-Competitive ..... **NASC**
Yap Stone Money

Best of Exonumia ..... **Virginia Bourke**
Sponsor: CES — *Silver Coins—Christopher Columbus*

Best of Show ..... **Larry Tapper**
Sponsor: CSNA Baber Award — *The Laurels of James*

People's Choice ..... **Bill Nash**
Sponsor: Murray Singer — *U.S. Fractional Currency*

How a True Passion for Numismatics Can Change Your Life

by Jeff Swindling

Editor's Note: the following article is a reprint of a refreshing item found in issue #88 of Your Newsletter, *a publication of the Education Department of the American Numismatic Association (ANA—www.money.org). The author, Jeff Swindling, is a YN who put down on paper (the electronic kind) his special perspective on enthusiasm in numismatics. You would do well to read it, regardless of your years. You can subscribe to* Your Newsletter *(I do) by sending an email with your request to: YourNewsletter@money.org. An archive of previous issues is also available at: www.money.org/ynnewsletter.html.*

You may not have heard this before, but having a true passion for numismatics can really change your life. Seriously! This has been especially true in my case, and I would like to share with you a few of the ways my existence has been improved by simply being passionate about my hobby.

Many of my friends think coin collecting is silly. "Why don't you just spend them?" is a question I often hear, along with "You paid HOW much for a PENNY??!?" and "You're weird-- why do you know so much about such useless stuff?" Hearing this kind of derision makes some people change their minds about numismatics. Peer pressure to be "cool" these days is often overwhelming, and, unfortunate as it is, coin collecting is not considered to be as cool as it once was. Many young people cannot take this kind of pressure, and lose interest in a great hobby as a result.

I, however, delight in proving mocking friends wrong. I tell them that coins relate to everything (which they do! try it some day in class-- I bet you can always find how coins relate to something.). An example I found recently is how coins relate to rap. Yes, rap! According to Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language, the second definition of a rap is "a counterfeit halfpenny formerly passed in Ireland." Another recent example comes from my 12th grade AP/IB English Literature class. One of our reading assignments was Kate Chopin's The Awakening, which takes place in 1890's New Orleans. The main character, Edna Pontellier, owns a house on Esplanade Street in downtown New Orleans. Guess what? The now-defunct New Orleans Mint was located

on Esplanade Street during that time period! Edna was practically next-door neighbors with the Mint! As you can see, there really are quite a few examples of how coins relate to everything.

Another way to change your life through numismatics is by starting a club at your school. A regularly scheduled coin club meeting can even win over a few of your friends to the hobby! You should showcase your knowledge and collections in a format that will show others how interesting and fun the hobby can be. Though your club may not be a hit overnight, stick with it-- you'll impress some people along the way if you do things right. There was only one teacher who was willing to sponsor my coin club at school. At first, he did so reluctantly-- sponsoring a club meant staying after school for an extra hour or so without pay and without seeing his wife or getting any work done. But after the first couple of meetings, the teacher was genuinely impressed with the presentations, and very surprised at how well-received and attentive the other students were to the information. Afterwards, he could not wait for the next meeting date to come around, often rescheduling other appointments so he could attend the meeting.

So far though, I have not really told you what has made my experience with numismatics so different. There are probably a few of you reading this who have already done things like start your own clubs or try to get friends to become coin collectors. The real prizes I have received from my passion for numismatics have come after high school.

Last year, the University of Florida started a new scholarship, the John V. Lombardi Scholarship. It is named after one of the former presidents of the University, and is currently the highest award and honor granted by the University, totaling more than $75,000 over four years. Recipients are selected on a basis of leadership, service and academic record. Each high school in the state of Florida may nominate one student for the award. The University then selects 17 students out of the field of 176 applicants for a day of interviews and tours at the school. From there, 8 students are chosen to receive the prestigious award.

The one thing on my application which impressed the interviewers the most was my passion for numismatics. A couple of months after the Lombardi Scholars had been selected, I was told by the head of the Honors Division at the University, "The competition this year was extremely tough. It was really hard choosing only 8 students to represent the school, but you were a given. Your passion for numismatics really set you apart from the field. Congratulations, Jeff."

There is a downside to the Lombardi Scholarship, however. Since I have accepted the award (it would be crazy not to!), it means I could not attend the ANA's annual Summer Seminar this year in Colorado Springs. However, I was in Merida, Mexico with the seven other Lombardi Scholars, studying anthropology and Spanish at the University of the Yucatan for six weeks. I thought of Colorado Springs, and I missed being there this year. Especially since I was sweating my head off in 100 degree weather instead of basking in the cool, dry climate at Colorado College. But I still had to drink tons of bottled water!

Another surprise this year came from the U.S. Government. Every year, the U.S. Department of Education chooses 2600 graduating high school seniors to apply for the Presidential

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Scholars Program. This award is purported to be the highest honor which the government can bestow on a graduating senior. A student cannot simply apply for the award-- he or she has to be specially invited by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The 2600 selected students must fill out applications, which are read by the Commission. From the 2600, only 500 are chosen as semifinalists, which is reduced further to 120 finalists who will receive the award. The application consists of many essays, a few of which can be written on numismatics. Again, my passion for the hobby helped me advance to semifinalist status. Being named as one of the top 20 students in the state of Florida was incredible! Unfortunately, I was only selected as a semifinalist and not a finalist, but the message was the same again. A passion for numismatics placed my application ahead of many others.

What I have to say to you is this: stick with numismatics. Do everything you can for your local club, the ANA, and any other clubs you may belong to. Volunteer to help out with shows, meetings and other events. Write articles for Your Newsletter, your local club newsletter and nationally recognized magazines such as Coin World or Numismatic News. The real winnings you receive from your participation in the hobby are not financial--rather, they are less concrete ideals. Fun, enjoyment, camaraderie and knowledge are the highlights of numismatics. I cannot even begin to tell you how many friends I have made, how much I have learned, nor how many hours of amusement I have gained just from "playing around with coins."

Trust me when I say this-- colleges, universities and scholarship providers are looking for well-rounded individuals who have a deep passion for something in their lives. The leadership, expertise and service you can provide for the hobby will not go un-rewarded. I am not simply blowing my own horn by writing this article, I am trying to illustrate everything I have said here today with cold hard facts which everyone can understand. Your participation in our hobby can really make a difference in your life and the lives of many other people. Do everything you can with the hobby-- go to shows, club meetings and conventions. Take advantage of special offerings such as the ANA's Summer Seminar. The Seminar is probably the best possible way to educate yourself, make new friends and just plain have fun. Embrace numismatics, and do everything you can to your full potential. You'll thank yourself for it one day in the future.

We Get Letters...

Virginia Hall

Hi Greg,

Thanks for attending Virginia's funeral services. She would be happy to know that Calcoin News/CSNA was represented since that was her driving force for so many years.

The Indian article [included with the letter—ed.] *is exonumia, but she felt that being presented in Calcoin News with its greater circulation the subject matter would get greater exposure. This was to be th4e first of a series of Indian Tribe articles that she had been researching for the past couple years, but it turns out it will also be her last. The Slug article* [also included—ed.] *is a reprint from an early Numismatist I believe. She thought it would make an interesting filler for either publication. If I find any other articles on her desk I'll forward them. Keep up the good work and I know you must be hopping with both publications to do and working, so it has to be a labor of love. Virginia was retired and Calcoin News and the SBCCC monthly kept her busy. Thanks.*

Best Wishes,

—Al Hall

(by return mail...)

Al,

Got your recent letter and Virginia's articles. Thanks so much for both. As usual, when I started to put the two issues together I thought of Virginia and how she reliably provided so much material to make my job as editor easier; and then, there in the mail was your letter and her articles. We'll miss having her around, as I'm sure you do.

If you don't mind I'll print your letter as folks like to share in those glimpses. Hope all is well.

Regards,

Greg

Calcoin News Comments

Outstanding product. Looks great, easy to read.

—Mike Stanley

Greg,

It's a little past due commenting on combining the Northern and Southern California club news, but I do think your reasoning for doing so is sound.

My one thought that I have had for a long time about the club news, but never bothered to pass on, is that even when it was two separate columns, I didn't always know where the club was by the name of the club, i.e. Coineers coin club gives no indication by the name where it is, and even "Bay Cities" could be LA or SF. If someone is traveling and wants to visit a coin club meeting, having the city, day/time of meetings, and a club contact phone number or e-mail with the club news would be a good thing. It might also help clubs attract local people who don't know when and where they meet. Looking at the news for two clubs close to me, Greater Orange County and Long Beach, I am not members of either, but

neither of their articles tell me when/ where they meet or who to contact if I am interested. Just something I always thought would be a good addition to the club news.

—Lenise Cook

Hi Lenise,

It's never too late to send a comment in. And such comments that you have! I think that these are excellent suggestions and I'll solicit this information from the different clubs in the next issue... In fact, I'll copy this...to the CSNA Email List I maintain to see if we can get the ball rolling.

Regards,

Greg

(Follow-up: can you tell that I didn't get much response to my forwarded message? Sometimes it takes a while to get the ball rolling. Perhaps a separate directory of member clubs such as is found in the NASC *Quarterly* would be a good approach. Whatcha think?)

Greg: Good to see you at the GCC last Friday and hope that you liked my program. It was back to the future and others said they enjoyed it.

The suggestion by Lenise Cook is a good one and merits some PR work by CSNA. It would be nice for anyone to connect to the CSNA Website and get info. about club locations and meeting information. I think that this is something that you may want to pursue with Bill Febuary, CSNA webmaster extraordinaire, who might be able to put something together so that new people could find out about clubs in their locale.

One consideration is adding the city in the article such as Bay Cites (Santa Monica) etc. This would not be needed for such clubs as Fresno, Long Beach, etc., and this may encourage somebody to attend. One other thing while we're discussing CALCOIN NEWS. I notice that in the articles from the northern area the names of the people are listed in in upper case, while those in the southern area are not. I believe that the northern editor wanted to have the people recognized. On the same hand this should also be done for the southern people too! I also believe that it should be uniform whether you use caps or not, but I find it easier with upper and lower case. More food for thought. Thanks for listening...

—Phil Iversen

Phil,

Good suggestions. I'll leave the website stuff to Bill Febuary. To help make things more consistent with *Calcoin News* I've taken a stab at the current issue's club reports. I've used bold mixed case for all member names. I'd appreciate everyone taking a peek and giving me their feedback so I have a better idea of what will work best for the next issue.

Greg

Greg,

Let me add my compliments to the many you have already received. You are doing a great job with Calcoin News and I really appreciate the changes. Keep up the great work.

—Jim Hunt

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Youth Corner

by Stan Turrini

Hello! During the recent Saturday, August 9, 2003 Joint Picnic of the Cupertino Coin Club and San Jose Coin Club, your Youth Numismatist Coordinator enjoyed and reflected on 'youth numismatics' with Daniel O. Shattuc, of Sunnyvale, California. Although Mr. Shattuc has been 'retired' from 'organized' numismatics and has restricted his energy toward environmental and ecological efforts, Ducks Unlimited, for example, he still maintains his enthusiasm for 'youth numismatics', or as he said "that hobby of tomorrow".

For older CALCOIN NEWS readers, Mr. Shattuc's name might bring remembrances for during the early 1980s, he was concretely committed to 'youth numismatics', facilitating an exemplary program with the Cupertino Coin Club, finding his hours and time committed "really rewarding, something still treasured to this date".

Mr. Shattuc and your Youth Numismatist Coordinator rambled for an hour, remembering names and dates, sharing suggestions and observations, and exchanging thoughts and triumphs.

Although he has been absent nearly twenty years, surprisingly his excitement and his encouragement have not dissipated; rather, he remains devoted to what he called numismatics being "mind expansion" for our "hobbyists of tomorrow". When pressed to identify some cardinal points, Mr. Shattuc summarized as follows.

First, echoing Mr. Lee H. Gong, from the YOUTH CORNER, CALCOIN NEWS, Summer 2003, he believes that the primary factor for success, any success, is that a local coin club must, absolutely must, pledge and support a youth program. A local coin club "must foster our hobby in the kids", and further, "older adult members must participate with the juniors", he stated. "The club has to do it: say it and pay it", he added.

As a sidebar, the Cupertino Coin Club, from its very beginning, has been geared for the youngsters, from its purposes as stated in its incorporation, to meeting on a Friday evening, convenient for the youngsters, and for years, meeting at an elementary school, at which many of its Junior Members attend or had attended.

Second, a union needs to be enticed between the local coin club, the youngsters as Junior Members, and their parents. During his time as the Cupertino Coin Club's President and Youth Coordinator, the Club enjoyed record attendance, in part to a simple enticement for the Juniors. Mr. Shattuc coordinated an annual contest among the Juniors, and, without going into specifics, awarded points when certain conditions or chores had been achieved, for example, presenting a Show 'n Tell at a meeting or exhibiting at the Club's show. One way for Juniors to earn points was to invite their parents, and neighbors, to the Cupertino Coin Club meeting, and they did! "The kids, to earn points, got their mom's and dad's to come plus the neighbors and family friends, and some of these adults joined the Club", he remembered. "Our membership and atten-

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dance grew, and our attendance crowded the Lincoln Elementary School's multi-purpose room to the point that it was standing-room-only", Mr. Shattuc proudly reminisced.

Third, as part of the annual contest plus as a means easy for most Juniors, Show 'n Tells by Juniors at Cupertino Coin Club's meetings were encouraged, with the motivation being to earn points. Yet, like with any effort toward 'youth numismatics', this requires organization. "Kids are not just going to stand-up and speak, but with the right enticement, a contest, and with a few simple suggestions, they would and did become quite comfortable doing it", he noted.

Fourth, Money. Needless to say, all the contests and all the talks and all the pledges are irrelevant until the group 'puts the cash on the table'. Although his program was nearly two decades ago, he remembered that the Cupertino Coin Club was quite generous, with the funding---remembered to be about $250.00 per year then---going for hobby supplies and contest prizes.

Mr. Shattuc could have gone on much more, and his insight---even from the perceptive of two decades ago---still holds weight and should influence those dedicated to 'youth numismatics'. As the afternoon progressed and the Junior members of both the Cupertino Coin Club and San Jose Coin Club moved on to the grass for tog-a-war and lawn games, we continued, sharing memories and renewing ourselves. Mr. Shattuc added to his profound observations, reminding that any program needs "not to be imitating, but simple, like a game, but not overly competitive, with everyone a winner", and further, Juniors Members in any local coin club "need to be treated as equals. Their membership has to count as much as the adults".

Looking over to the playing and laughing Junior Members, he remembered that once-a-year he would gather all his Junior participants and their parents for "their picnic", at which the Club would provide the food, and awards would be presented to the contest winners. "The happiness smiled, and the joy of parents present, and the warmth that I received cannot be dismissed, even after twenty years", he gladly reflected.

Your Youth Numismatist Coordinator left Mr. Shattuc, on that Saturday afternoon, much renewed, regardless that his service ended in the early 1980s, for his ideas and intensity endure still valid today and tomorrow.

It would be nice to hear from others in the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), both present and past, as to input, initiatives, and ideas. Obviously, one of the functions of this column is to serve as an exchange and encouragement. Please convey to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or e-mailed to EMPEROR1@juno.com or stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us.

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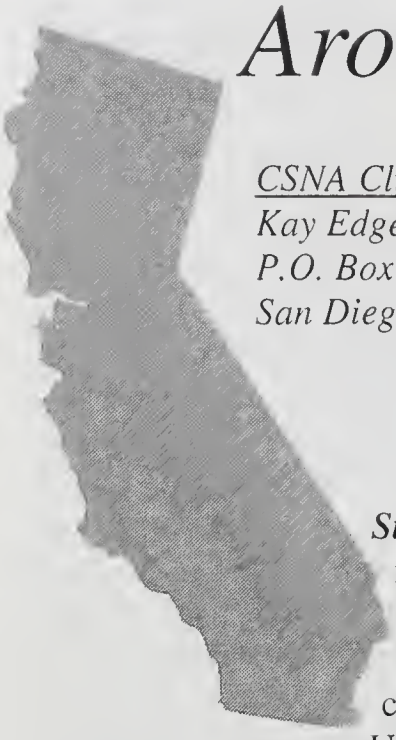

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Stan's Statement: *Hello!* Well, by the time CSNAers are reading this column, our Golden State might have a new Governor. This Recall brings back memories of what I learned over thirty years ago in my California History courses at both Solano College and San Francisco State University, my alma maters, *and* the early 20th Century Progressive Era and the great Governor Hiram Johnson, later longtime California Senator and namesake to a high school in Sacramento, California. Well, what does this have to do with CALCOIN NEWS? Nothing, save that what I learned thirty-plus years ago, during my halcyon dates in college, could, and does, happen! *History Lessen Learned!* Now, what is the history of the northern California local coin clubs: *Read On! Enjoy Your Fall!*

Kay's Communication: Clubs can read about other programs and speakers and use that information for future programs of their own. It might help attract a larger attendance if future programs are announced in the monthly bulletin.

Club Reports...

WHITTIER COIN CLUB May meeting was a picnic at Parnell Park. **Sally Marx** gave a talk SCRIPT CURRENCY OF THE ISRAELI KIBBUTZ in June. **Ken Baumheckel** reported on the new Ancient Coin Club forming in Orange County. Six interested people agreed to meet on the second Saturday of each month at 6pm at one of the founding members business at 17321 Eastman St. Irvine. July meeting was a slide show on CANADIAN COLONIAL COINS AND TOKENS. Another video in August was about private struck gold coins in frontier areas of the United States in the 19th century **Phil Chang** obtained a copy of the video ROMANCE OF PIONEER COINS by **Don Kagin**.

VISALIA COIN CLUB As in CALCOIN NEWS Summer 2003, VCC Editor **Ruth M. Phillips** had another complaint about the weather, in the Club's August newsletter: "Well, I said last month that I liked hot weather, and I guess The Man-Upstairs listened to me, because He sure turned-up the thermometer! It is 105 as I am typing this newsletter, and it promises to be this hot for the next week! I guess things could be worse: it could be raining and flooding like it is in

Indiana, or it could be blowing up a hurricane like it is in Texas! We mortals are never satisfied!". Right-On, Ruth! Going back a few months, **Dennis Olswang**—who was once quite active in our California State Numismatic Association and its semiannual Conventions—spoke at the VCC's June 24, 2003 meeting on 'Maria Theresa': "a very graphic account of her life...and her influence on politics in her lifetime and the background of the Maria Theresa talers, that we all have or have seen".

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Last June 4, 2003, this Society held its Seventeenth (17th) Annual Renn Auction with one hundred thirty-eight (138) lots earned over $600.00 for the Society's treasury. The Auctioneers were the 'two Mikes': **Michael M. Stanley** and **Michael S. Turrini**, and they were assisted by **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, Recorder, and **Jan D. Henke**, Auditor. At this same meeting, the VNS honored two 'record holders': one, **Michael M. Stanley**, Bourse Coordinator, who 'sold-out' the VNS' 2003 Show bourse in just eleven (11) days! The other was **Gernald "Mr. G" Singer** who broke a record, that has stood since 1986, by selling one hundred fifty-five (155) drawing ticket books to the 2003 Show's All Gold Coin Drawing, a value of $775.00! '**Mr. G** broke the record held by **Michael S. Turrini** with one hundred twenty (120) drawing books set back in 1986. Additional 'kudos' from the VNS include **Dr. Howard C. Lonsdale**, Past President and Editor, who had two annual scholarships named for him at the local Vallejo Senior High School, and these are no cheap scholarships at two of $10,000.00 each! Someone who **Dr. Lonsdale** assisted decades ago never forgot his help and when he 'made it big', the young man returned to Vallejo, California and showed his respect. Also, **Lee H. Gong**, well-known northern California coin hobbyist, earned the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) second highest award, its Medal of Merit, on August 2, 2003 during the ANA Baltimore, Maryland national Convention. In fact, the VNS can claim five recipients of this Award: **Michael S. Turrini**, **Michael M. Stanley**, **Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki**, and the late **Helen L. Carmody-Lebo**, along with VNS Honorary Members: **Edward C. Rochette**, **Kenneth E. Bressett**, and **Anthony J. Swiatek.**

UPLAND COIN CLUB May's speaker was **Harold Katzman** who gave a slide presentation on COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE SPACE OCEAN. June was OTHER HOBBY NIGHT. **Gary Beedon** spoke on TURKEY in July. The club's birthday was celebrated in August and **Martin Miller** was the speaker (the topic was not announced in their bulletin).

TUSTINE COIN CLUB Roy Iwata spoke on ENGRAVED LOVE TOKENS in May. No meeting was held on July 4. **Mark Baskin** gave his talk on the BUFFALO NICKEL in August. **Bob Smythe** talked about RUSSIA in June.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB As reported in the Summer 2003 *Calcoin News* issue, this club prepared and marched a float in the Modesto, California July 4, 2003 parade, the only local coin club known to do such! SCCC **Rasha Johnson** reported, in the August 2003 GOLD STRIKE, the club's monthly news-

letter, that he thanked those "who made the parade and our 2003 July Coin Show a big success! As you know, this was our first year in the Fourth of July parade, and it was great. We had a large number of club members and their families show-up to help and walk the parade route. We even had grandkids from as far away as Hawaii. I thank all of you who wore our new club tee-shirt, which looks great!"

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB The SSRC celebrated its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary, 1983-2003, last June 12, 2003 at Pietro's in Vacaville, California. Among those attending were two Charter Members: **Marie Williams** and **Michael S. Turrini**. Also, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor **M. Remy Bourne**, with wife **Avis**, visited and spoke briefly. A nice meal and great drawing were enjoyed by those present, and **Mr. Turrini**, who is the club's current President, summarized some background to the club, which was founded on June 8, 2003 in Suisun City, California. A special limited placemat was done and cancelled in Elmira, California, for the club which meets in Fairfield, California, but was founded in Suisun City, California and celebrated its Anniversary in Vacaville, California!

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB Roy Iwata spoke on USS MINITOR at the June meeting. In July **Mike Ontko** discusses THE COINS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO 1821-1905.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB July 9, 2003 was the SJCC 'Youth Night', and **Don Cracraft** "gave an interesting talk on the newest 'Harry Potter Coins and Currency', which a special session with the five Junior Members present". "**Don** brought-in and displayed just about every existing item about Harry Potter and explained its numismatic significance. **Don** was also extremely generous in donating and awarding each Junior Member with a prize, with the Grand Prize being a hardback issue of 'Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix'". Also contributing to this special 'Youth Night' were: **Martha Davis**, food, **Don Barsi**, drinks, **Patricia Russ**, kitchen help, and **Sally Johnson**, donations and kitchen help. Your Assistant Editor attended and enjoyed the Joint Picnic of the SJCC and its neighbor, the Cupertino Coin Club, on Saturday, August 9, 2003 in Sunnyvale, California's Las Palmas Park, with longtime and former SJCC Treasurer **E. P. "Wally" Wallaker**. It was his privilege and pleasure, in his capacity as an American Numismatic Association (ANA) Regional Coordinator, to present two 'Regional Coordinator's Citation for Outstanding Advancement of the Numismatic Hobby' upon two joint SJCC and CCC members: **Kenneth Barr** and **Alvin H. W. Lo**. Both of whom have served dual offices in both Clubs and have done so twice! **Mr. Barr** is a former California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Director, and **Mr. Lo** was the Your Assistant Editor's predecessor with this column. Both gentlemen have rightly and richly earned this unique national honor. Congratulations!

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Does Have A New Meeting Site: Community Room, with outside entry, at the Taraval Police Station, 2345—24th Avenue, off

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Taraval, only five blocks west from busy 19th Avenue, in the Sunset section, San Francisco, California. Your Assistant Editor visited the Club and its new meeting site, and found the parking much more convenient, the room clean and neat plus ready, and easy to find and enter. The meeting hours have been adjusted to 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Much of the credit for locating and securing this new site, which is still temporary, goes to **Gordon R. Donnel** and **Mark. W. Clark**.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY July meeting was a picnic in the park with VP **Ken Spindler** bringing delicious homemade chili. **Ken** won Best in Show at the Del Mar Fair with EIGHT ASPECTS OF THE SEVEN SEAS following the theme of Commotion in the Ocean. **Kay Lenker** took a third place with SHELL MONEY. In July **Dave Jones** shared his knowledge of JAPAN. August theme was ANDREW JACKSON and the new $20 bill. The **Al Baber family** was honored at ANA with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB in April heard **Angus Bruce** speak on wartime propaganda document. **Norm Sturgess'** topic in May was NUMISMATIC TRIBUTARIES covering areas not in the main stream of numismatics. **Kevin Akin's** spoke on European tokens and medals and gave all those in attendance several examples at the meeting in June. In July **Don Lannon** discussed COLONIAL CURRENCY WITH HISTORICAL INTEREST.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Does have a new, or returned to an older meeting site: Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 PM, at the North County Corporate Yard, the old SMUD Building, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., at Elkhorn Blvd., North Highlands, California. Notice: The SVCC had acted to dispose its Library, which fills five large boxes, during the next meetings of the Club, starting with the August 13, 2003 meeting: "Those interested will find a list of the library's books on the Club's website, www.sacvalcc.org. The entire library, however, would not be offered at every meeting; rather, only groups of books will be auctioned. Eventually, the entire library is to be auctioned and sold". An old familiar name has come into service to the Sacramento Valley Coin Club: **Michael Neicoff**, who for many years served the Alameda Coin Club and was active with the ACC and the San Francisco Coin Club's joint coin shows, about a decade ago.

RENO COIN CLUB August 2003 RCC's RENO CARTWHEEL had a 'foreign correspondent' namely, Club President **David Elliott**, who wrote his column from St. Petersburg, Russia: "I had hoped Russian coinage would be cheaper here, but it is actually more expensive, since Russians collect Russian coins, too. The St. Petersburg Mint was nice. You can buy all the current coinage and many medals that the Mint makes. The old engraving tools and presses are there as well as an impressive collection of Russian coins that are often displayed in free standing cubes that magnify the coin, but make it impossible to photograph". President **Elliott** reports that he was next on to Moscow, August 11, 2003.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB The Club's May 14, 2003 meeting witnessed a new program, 'Current Coin Collections', with these participants: **Denis Lucey**, Irish Coins, who "was looking for suggestions on ways to design an album for the collection", **Ken Jordan**, Denomination Set based on the Alphabet, which is "coins starting with 'A', agora, anna, etc., coins starting with 'B', baht, balboa, etc, and so on", **Dan Murphy**, Older United States Currency, **Kurt Ginter**, Toned Coins, with "a full set of toned Peace Dollars" that "were toned on both sides", **Lucky Larry**, Error Coins, **Glenn Coleman**, Buffalo Nickels Set, **Howard Jacobs**, Morgan Dollar Set, save only the 1895P, along with some other complete sets, **Tim Spiersch**, Washington Quarters and Isle of Man, **Charles Catlett**, two collections: British Coins for each monarch since William the First and Twelve Medals Featuring the Twelve Israelite Tribes, **Frank Villalon**, United States Three Cent Nickels, "all in MS65 or better", and **Merle Avila**, United States Dimes from 1794-1837. At this same meeting, Redwood Empire Coin Club Life Member #1, **Michael S. Turrini**, spoke and shared his 'World War II Home Front', with an extensive display of American home front memorabilia: "he brought numerous items from the time and related what life in the States was like back then. One particular event was a literal blackout, when lights could not be on at night. Famed spots, such as the Golden Gate Bridge or Ghirardelli Square, were dark at night". He concluded that "the importance is to never forget".

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Again, The PCC Has A New Meeting Site and Time, But: The PCC's monthly Second Monday evening meetings are being scheduled for Classroom 14, a Home Economics classroom, at J.L.S Middle School, 408 East Meadow Drive, between Central Expressway and Middlefield Road, in south Palo Alto, California, with a new starting time of 7:00 PM. But, the Club, during the Summer months has returned to Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471, at 4249 El Camino Real, in downtown Palo Alto, California, the old site. So, Which One? You have to check the PCC's monthly newsletter or write to 'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'. At the August 11, 2003 meeting, those attending, including your Assistant Editor, had the rare privilege of viewing and handling a complete date set of Bust Quarter Dollars: "our thanks to our member who was so kind to exhibit this unusual set and tell a few tales of his acquisition to complete the set". What was also unique, upon questioning of how long he took to assemble this set, with some in higher grades and conditions, he stated, candidly and concretely, "only one day"! Yes, Folks, One Day! He had

been collecting for some time and did not realize that he was assembling a date set and then decided quickly to finish it.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Two Important Announcements: First, PCNS is meeting temporarily—July and August months so far—at Fort Mason Center, Building C, Room 370, San Francisco, California. A permanent meeting option and site is still pending. Second, PCNS will host, for our California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) the Northern California Educational Symposium on Saturday, October 4, 2003, at the Fort Mason Center. Notice published elsewhere in this *Calcoin News* issue. The May 28, 2003 meeting heard **Herb Miles** speak and show 'Hut Tax Token': "a form property tax instituted in the Southern Rhodesia, Zimbabwe, in the early 1900s. These brass tokens were evidence of payment given to native peoples to show that they had paid the yearly tax on huts and spouses. These minted in various sizes and shapes, from round to triangular to square, of brass and were stamped the tax date and district in which these had been issued. The British South Africa Company started this practice to secure manual labor from the native peoples on the farms and in the mines the British were exploiting...as a hidden method of making the natives subject to work in order to pay the yearly 'hut tax'. CSNAers, PCNS Always Teaches Something New! During the following mouth, on June 21, 2003, the Society hosted its Annual Banquet at San Francisco, California's Gold Mirror Restaurant. Regretfully, the attendance was significantly down this year, so the famous 'PCNS Bingo' could not be called. Next Year For Sure!

OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB is continuing to grow. Our monthly meetings now attract 40-50 members. August speaker will display high grade standing Liberty quarters. September 13 we will have our semi-annual coin show at the Elks Lodge from 10am to 5 pm. The October meeting will feature a 150-lot auction.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB Walt and **Maxine** presented a program in June on their 26-day trip to Italy. In May **Walt Wegner** talked on COINS OF THE OLD WEST. In July **Barry Stuppler**, a member of the California commission on the design for the California quarter brought us up to date on that as well as happenings at the American Numismatic Association. August meeting was SHOW AND TELL.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB had exhibits at the recent Long Beach Show. 1st place went to **Mark Baskin** for SELECTED NOTES OF 3rd ISSUE OF FRACTIONAL CURRENCY. 2nd place to **Mark Baskin** for US FRACTIONAL VARIETIES of 2nd ISSUE FIBER PAPER. 3rd place to **Mike Ontko** for A PARTIAL TYPE SET OF THE GOLD COINS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO. People's Choice was awarded to **Emmaul Coster** for A POINT OF INTEREST IN NUMISMATICS. In June **Mike Baskin** spoke on BUFFALO NICKELS. A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE was held in July. The program for August was BOURSE NIGHT. A membership drive is underway with the winner bringing in the most new members by the close of 2003 being awarded a $5 U.S. Gold piece.

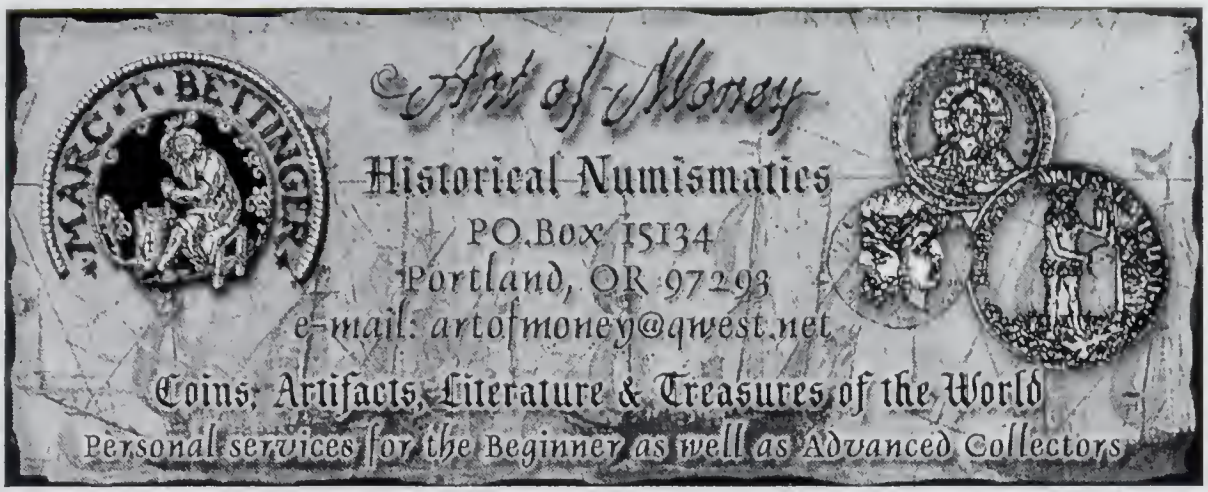
LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Enjoyed a nice Annual Picnic last Saturday, June 21, 2003 at the home of **Steven** and **Sharon Kramer**. **Steve Kramer** and **Howard Kosanke** did the honors at the barbecue, and a nice crowd of member and guests attended, including these local coin club Presidents: Diablo Numismatic Society, **Michael S. Turrini**, Vallejo Numismatic Society, **Harry W. Davis**, San Jose Coin Club, **John Sarti**, with **Steven Kramer**, Livermore Valley Coin Club. As the LVCC July newsletter editorialized: "a gathering of great numismatic minds took place on June 21st at the **Kramer's** residence. Okay, it was just a picnic, but a very good picnic! Great Food! Good Company! And Good Time Had By All! Thanks to **Steve** and **Sharon Kramer** for hosting the Picnic again, and all the people who helped make it a success". This Picnic was covered on page 40 of the July 22, 2003 *Numismatic News* issue.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Special Notice: The LNS has scheduled Tuesday, October 7, 2003 for its Annual Book Sale, at the Chetcutti Memorial Center, adjacent to old library location and behind the current Millbrae Police Department Office. The Book Sale has been scheduled for hours 6:00 PM through 11:00 PM, including time for submissions and viewing. LNS Editor **Gene Hoy** had an interesting observation in the June newsletter: "if you have someone in mind who is possibly interested in joining, please bring him or her to our meeting. In my travels, I find that just about everyone have some coins or medals stashed away with a story to tell. Let us get them into our group and help them discover what they have and what is may be worth...if you know someone who needs information about their coins or currency, bring them by the Club, and we will do our best to make it enjoyable and informative". Nice Idea, **Mr. Hoy**!

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO is now meeting on the fourth TUESDAY of the month. Meeting room is the Teen Center at North Park Recreation Center. August meeting topic is Paper Money. In September we will discuss India and South Asia. Topic for November is South America. **Ken Spindler** was really surprised when he received a check from the Del Mar Fair for $100. It seems that he won best in show for the entire Home and Hobby Show. Somehow it was thought that the award had been given to the stamp exhibit.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS held a picnic in Gibble Park in May. The club had the dogs and condiments and members signed up to bring other goodies. In June **Kay Lenker** presented a talk with slides on THE SILVER DOLLAR STORY. July celebrated the club's 30th birthday with a luncheon catered by Skip's. The 1926 Chile 20 peso gold won by the club was auctioned to the highest bidder.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB May meeting President **Gary Beedon** presented a program entitled A TOUCH OF TURKEY. He had many slides in his presentation of modern Turkish currency and key historical places. Secretary **Mark Baskin** gave a program on Buffalo Nickels in June. July was BOURSE NIGHT with tables available at modest fees. August meeting was a WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Members brought up to 5 items to donate.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GLENDALE COIN CLUB had Show-n-tell for June. In July **Phil Iversen** gave a talk on COIN WORLD—THE FIRST YEAR. New officers were installed with **Sandy Mazel** as president; 1st VP **Mark Watson**; 2ndVP **Denise Ballard**; Treas.-**Joe Purnell**; Asst Treas.-**Denise Ballard**; Secy-**Mary Purnell**; Asst.Secy-**Denise Ballard** and Editor - **Mark Watson**. There was a white elephant auction in August.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Heard your Assistant Editor at its July 17, 2003 meeting with his 'Counting Us': "**Stan** polled those present on a number of questions and issues, and tabulated a lot of entertaining and intriguing information. There was a total of eight hundred eighty-eight (888) years of coin hobby involvement represented at this meeting! That was an average of thirty-two (32) years of hobby involvement per person present! Two (2) members present had been active in coin-related pursuits for sixty-two (62) years each! Two (2) others present had sixty (60) years of coin-related experience! The least number of active years was five (5), by a Junior Member, whose time will come! Years of membership in Gateway totaled two hundred seventy-one (271) years, or an average of ten (10) years per member present. Gateway Coin Club membership extremes ranged from "just joined" to thirty (30) years, that is, someone who had been here from the very beginning! **Stan** expressed special thanks to **Lee H. Gong**, from Santa Rosa, California, who attended and assisted in the 'Counting Us', and to **Joel Anderson**, who recorded and tabulated the many responses during this program". The GCC had another provocative program at its August 21, 2003 meeting titled 'Life Outside of Coins'. No report, so far, as to any 'life' for GCC other than coins.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held a Coin Quiz on Commemorative Coins prepared by **Bill Febuary** at its June 10, 2003 meeting: "**Jim** and **Paula Obler** scored the highest marks and received a 1974/1975 Bicentennial First Day Stamp Cover for their achievement". Going back a few months, the Club held a 'Favorite Coin Night' at its April 8, 2003 meeting, with there participants: **Robert Fitzpatrick**, Bureau of Printing and Engraving 1870s rare book, **Ruth Phillips**, a 1936D Washington Quarter which "finished her set of that series", **Randy Clifton**, Carson City Coins, **Dennis Olswang**, a Bavarian Crown with his

'initials', **Cameron Keifer**, Full Step pattern 1938 Five Cent, **Phil Plettner**, 1813 Isle of Man Large Penny, **Earl Vandeburgh**, 1947 Mint Set, **Merle Davis**, Mercury Dimes with "many Dimes in his set were full split bands", and **James Obler**, Franklin, Walking Liberty, and Kennedy Halves "that he gotten in change or searching through half dollar rolls which he got from the local banks".

FREMONT COIN CLUB First, your Assistant Editor apologizes to the Fremont Coin Club for missing its August 12, 2003 meeting and not speaking on 'Personalizing Your Collections'; however, a flat tire repair replacement, particularly as the tire is a strange size and type, precluded his attendance. Apology Expressed. Second, hopefully, his 'Counting Us' at the Club's earlier July 15, 2003 meeting counterbalanced the absence. This 'Counting Us' found among the attending twenty-seven (27) members there was a total of seven hundred forty-seven (747) years of numismatic involvement, with "two had sixty-nine (69) years each and three (3) were infants with just three month's numismatic involvement". When tabulating the membership statistic, it was founded that "the combined sum of years of Club membership was two hundred six (206) years from among the attendees, one (1) member having thirty-one (31) years of membership and no Charter Members present". Continuing, "the vast majority of members denoted themselves as 'general', and everyone present collected United States coins, with only fourteen (14) having an interest in foreign coins". As FCC's *Double Eagle* Editor **Roger Lyles** concluded: "everyone enjoyed being counted for the hobby".

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS Don McCue, curator of the Lincoln Shrine spoke on the recent changes to the Shrine in Redlands. In June **Norm Sturgess** gave a talk on NUMISMATIC TRIBUTARIES. July's program was OTHER HOBBIES. August meeting was the semi-annual super auction with 100 lots. Meeting night has been changed to second Tuesday now that Redlands Club is not meeting.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB 'Hawaii Night' was this Club's meeting theme for its July 23, 2003 meeting; but, most of the Show 'n Tells were not from the Hawaiian Islands nor closely related! The Club ended its Summer cycle with a 'Hot-Dog Night' at its August 27, 2003 meeting, and President **Bill Bartz** had the cooking chore with the 'dogs. Earlier, the June 25, 2003 meeting had Bingo called by whom else? **Michael S. Turrini**! The games continued for nearly an hour, in the heat: "there were lucky winners in the Bingo, and everyone did survive the HEAT!!!!. Sorry, due to the painting inside the Parish Hall#1 [the meeting room at Grace Episcopal Church] that the windows could not be open". The Fairfield Coin Club will join this neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, for their Seventeenth (17th) Annual Joint Christmas Party, on Saturday, December 14, 2003 at Fairfield, California' Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and the Master of Ceremonies is **Clifford Mishler**, retired from Krause Publications. Invitations are open to others to attend this mega-event. Contact at EMPERORI@juno.com or stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY This past June, the Diablo Numismatic Society and Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club exchanged and shared meetings and programs. At the Metal Detecting Club's June 10, 2003, **Michael S. Turrini**, current President of the Diablo Numismatic Society, shared and spoke on 'What Is Money?', and the DNS's June 19. 2003 meeting, **Gary Collier**, Founder of the Metal Detecting Club, visited and expounded on 'Metal Detecting: It's Fun!': "a riveting and wonderful presentation by **Gary Collier** of the Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club. His presentation traced the history of metal detecting from Alexander Graham Bell's failed attempt to find the bullet in the assassinated President James A. Garfield, through various World Wars, and on into today's computer operated lightweight machines, that can discriminate between metals. He traced the history and applicability to the sport from vacuum tubes and valves, and two man teams, one for the battery and one for the loop, to the current programmable models. What A Speaker!" This exchange, possibly unique among coin clubs and metal detecting groups, was covered on page 40 of the July 22, 2003 *Numismatic News* issue.

DELTA COIN CLUB was active this past July and August: on Sunday, July 27, 2003, the Club held its Annual Picnic at Lodi, California's Micke Grove Park, and although a smaller than anticipated attendance graced this warm Summer Sunday, but "those that did attend enjoyed the food, fun, and games, etc., etc., etc...Oh yes, the Picnic was great with plenty of food from the barbecue and pot-luck dishes, plus lots of cold soft drinks, too". The Egg Toss witness the **Don Kendrick Family** being dethroned by **Mari Barragan**, 17, and **Eduardo Barragan**, 12. Cents-In-The-Jar was won by **Brent Grimm**, and he took home one thousand five hundred fifteen (1515) new Lincoln Cents! The annual Bingo Games were called by northern California's official bingo caller, your Assistant Editor, and the bingo game used is an antique. Historical and archival research has confirmed that it "crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower and was used to teach the Indians bingo and gambling. Hence, the start of Indian casinos here in the United States". This is documented primary source knowledge; just contact **Syd Kass** in Stockton, California, who owns this antique.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Well, Something Happened: All recent Cupertino Coin Club monthly *Coin Press'* have been current, unlike the last report with the July and August 2002 issues being delivered! The Club's June 13, 2003 meeting was its Annual Other Hobbies Night with these participants: **Ken Barr**, World's Fair and Exhibition Memorabilia, **Greg Tyson**, Mock Trial, **Al Lo**, Playboy, Batman, and Hawaiian Mugs, **Gary Acquistapace**, Playing Cards—'including square, round, and oblong ones"—**Alexander Chien**, Scout Patches, **Jeff Arnett**, Fencing Demonstration—"with **Alex** as the stickee victim"—**Emily Burns**, Simpsons, **Natalie Tyson**, Oakland A's Free Give-A-Ways, **Ryan Johnson**, Harry Potter, **Don Pannell**, Intel Computer Processor Chips, **Kathleen Soderstrom**, African Wooden Figurines, **Dan Shattuc**, Bottle Caps, **Howard Wheeler**, American Legion and Other Badges, **Bill Burke**, Stock Car Racing, and **George Tyson**, Soccer Refereeing Earlier, **Bill Burke** 'pinched-hit' as the speaker at the Club's May 9, 2003 meeting: "...intrepid Vice-President **Bill Burke** stepped to

the plate and swung for the fences with his 'Currency' talk. It was a hit as he kept the members' attention and interest with his stories, descriptions, and pictures of United States and foreign currencies".

COVINA COIN CLUB heard **Bill Nash** speak on NICKELS OF THE UNITED STATES and COINS THAT HAVE NICKEL IN THEM. Coin-O-Rama was a big success with **Bill Nash** taking best of show with FRACTIONAL CURRENCY, second place to **Helen Desens** for NUMISMATIC COLLECTIBLES and third to **Heather Cuizon** for SILVER STRIKES. At the May meeting **Bill Nash** showed a video THE STORY OF MONEY. **Tom Fitzgerald** spoke in June on FRACTIONAL CURRENCY. July program involved all of the members where they traded, swapped, bought -and sold coins with each other.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB enjoyed a great pot luck at the August meeting. Future plans call for a Donation auction in November and an installation dinner in January. December meeting will have members bringing finger foods to share. There will be a drawing for Christmas presents. Each member will have one ticket plus one ticket in the pot for each meeting attended. Members are limited to one Christmas gift from the CVCC.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY will meet at the Golden State Coin Show. Speaker will be **Bill Nash** on CIVIL WAR TOKENS. At the CSNA Northern California Educational Symposium on October 4 in San Francisco **Ruth Phillips** will speak on CALIFORNIA'S TAGUS RANCH TOKENS.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB Program for June was SALUTING THE EAGLE IN U.S. NUMISMATICS. The bulletin for June listed the Curse of the State Quarters. We all know about the Old Man of the Mountain crashing down but many other strange things have happened in other states. July celebrated with PATRIOTIC NUMISMATICS. Members were urged to bring bicentennial quarters, $2 bills and other related items. Topic for August was SHIPS ON COINS.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB CSNAers are again reminded that this Club has a new meeting site: Alameda Veterans Building, 2203 Central Avenue, at Walnut, on Alameda, the island city in the San Francisco Bay. The Club held a Pizza Night for its July 8, 2003 meeting, at Alameda's Round Table Pizza; but, this was a 'working pizza night', not 'party pizza night': The July meeting started with pizza and cold drinks and fellowship. We then put the labels on the postcards for the Show advertising. Thanks to all who attended, and made the work light for everyone.

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Fifty Years Ago

- A press run of *Calcoin News* cost the association the economical sum of $179.80. On top of this came postage and other supplies of $59.74. Compare this to today's average cost ranging $1,200-1,500. Membership was 383.
- Out of state member of Los Angeles Coin Club, Arthur Rutz (Gary, IN) showed up for the February, 1953 meeting. Now he must have been a professional commuter! Probably took him all month just to get back and forth.
- The income from the "Merced Convention" came to $946.75 with expenses of $578.09, giving a profit of $368.66. There were a total of 135 people at the banquet and 106 folks at the luncheon. The top three cities sending representatives were: San Francisco (25), Oakland (19), and Merced (10).
- Alan D. Craig wrote an extensive series in *Calcoin News* on *The Coins of Korea*. The multipart series included excellent photos of the coins, an extensive table of the symbols and characters found on them. It would probably make a good reference for the student of Korea's coinage today.
- A proof two-cent piece could be had for under twenty dollars. And a single copy of *The Numismatist*, from the American Numismatic Association (out of Wichita, KA of all places) could be purchased for only fifty cents.
- A collection of rare coins with a face value of $50,000 and a collectors valuc of $225,000 was burglarized from the home of Herbert Feinberg, San Bernardino.

Telephone Franks...aren't a type of hotdog made of chopped-up phones.

Forty Years Ago

- The following reprint from *The Numismatist* of December, 1920, appeared in the Fall, 1963 issue of *Calcoin News*: "Potatoes as Currency—Potatoes are now used as the standard currency in certain remote agricultural districts of Poland, since the valuc of the potato fluctuates less than that of paper money. In the district around Grodno, for instance, the American Red Cross reports all thc local help employed in the warehousing or in the activities of the field units are renumerated (sic) in a weekly wage of potatocs."
- The mcmbcrship of thc Diablo Numismatic Society votcd enthusiastically and unanimously to publish a monthly bullctin namcd *The Diablo Die Break*. Thc first editor was to bc Gcorgc A. Bartlett of Concord, CA.
- The Pacific Coast Numismatic Sociсty (PCNS) adoptcd a ban on copies, restrikes, and replicas. Thc Numismatic Association of Southcrn California (NASC) adopted a similar resolution containing specifications (vcry similar to thc 1967 Hobby Protection Act requirements) for markings on certain accepted items.
- Nct mcmbership swellcd to thc exuberant sum of 751.

Thirty Years Ago

- CSNA member Dr. Charles W. Aby wrote an interesting article titled, *Begorra, the 'Cob'...IT'S IRISH!* In the article Dr. Aby attributes the use of the word "cob", not to its often previously accepted origin as a contraction and corruption of the Spanish "cabo de barra" (end of the bar), but rather simply to the application of an old Irish word for a lump of something.
- Under the editorship of Barbara Hyde, *Calcoin News* won the "Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publication" award from the ANA. The award was presented at the ANAs convention that year in Boston, which was attended by at least ten of the CSNAs officers.
- Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, asked the CSNA to furnish displays for three rooms in the Old Mint. The PCNS donated books for the library.

- The 53rd CSNA Convention was being planned as a three day affair in Anaheim, very close to Disneyland.
- Vallejo Numismatic Society completed their very first coin show in May. Three Monterey Bay Area clubs (Salinas Valley Coin Club, Fort Ord Coin Club, and the Monterey Peninsula Coin Club) were sponsoring their very first annual show.

Twenty Years Ago

- Proof two-cent pieces now went for a little over $400, and there were no reports of anybody taking their salary in vegetables.
- A blurb on the bottom of page 98 of that same issue had a wonderful recommendation: *Do a friend a favor...introduce them to Numismatics with a CSNA membership!* This is good advice even today. Why not make a CSNA membership the very next gift you give to a cherished or esteemed someone?
- CSNA member Don T. Thrall wrote the unusual article, *Telephone Franks*. No, these aren't a type of hotdog made of chopped-up phones. These were special stamps meant to convey free use of telephone and telegraph service. Their use ended in December 31, 1934, but Don's fascinating article gives a listing of production and quantities and images of several examples. Where else but in *Calcoin News* can you find this amazing stuff?!
- In *Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics*, the featured numismatist, Mr. Launie Wright, stated that his biggest mistake in numismatics came when he attended an antique and hobby show in Chicago in 1936. He felt that a dealer's price of $3.00 for a 1936 proof set was too high, and so he passed it up! That set would now retail for a little over $5,000.

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